

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, America's community health centers are at the core of our health care system, delivering high-quality, cost-effective, and accessible primary care to all individuals regardless of their ability to pay; and

*W*HEREAS, community health centers are located in medically underserved areas, making each health center responsive to the needs of their community and currently, there are more than 1,200 health centers serving as medical homes for more than 20 million individuals at more than 8,100 locations; and

*W*HEREAS, as locally owned and operated businesses, health centers serve as critical economic engines helping to power local economies. In 2009, health centers generated \$20 billion in combined economic impact and were responsible for nearly 200,000 jobs in areas hit hardest by the recession; and

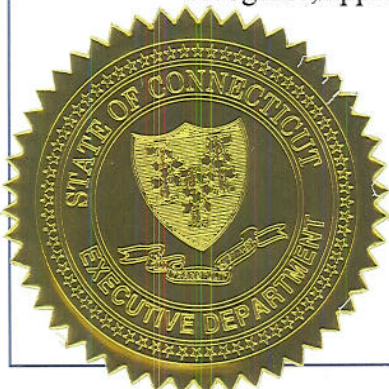
*W*HEREAS, community health centers offer necessary preventative and primary care for families and individuals and employ more than 9,500 physicians and more than 6,300 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives. This unique model allows health centers to save the entire health system approximately \$24 billion annually by keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, such as emergency rooms; and

*W*HEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers and their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since it was created over 45 years ago. During this National Health Center Week, we recognize the multitude of ways in which America's Health Centers are powering and empowering healthier communities by delivering high-quality, cost-effective, accessible health care; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate the week of August 5 – 11, 2012, as

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in the State of Connecticut. I encourage all citizens of the State of Connecticut to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the important partnership between Connecticut's health centers and the communities they serve.




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