



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 20, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Proclaiming the Week of August 8 to August 14, 2021 as
National Health Center Week in Sonoma County**

Whereas, for over 50 years, America's community health centers have provided high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventative care regardless of ability to pay;

Whereas, every day community health centers are developing new approaches to integrate a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of our community;

Whereas, health centers are located in medically underserved areas and are locally controlled by patient-majority boards, making each health center responsive to the needs of the specific community it serves;

Whereas, health centers across the nation reduce overall costs of care by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings;

Whereas, community health centers in Sonoma County, as well as across the nation, are one of the pillars of the health system locally and nationally and have been pivotal in our COVID-19 response effort;

Whereas, community health centers have pivoted during our recent and ongoing pandemic to serve our community through telehealth, drive through COVID-19 testing, and finding innovative ways to provide preventative and primary care to patients and ensuring they can access basic necessities like food and housing resources; and

Whereas, the National Health Center Week provides an opportunity to honor those front-line providers, staff, and beloved patients who lost their lives during the (ongoing) COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of August 8 to August 14, 2021 as National Health Center Week in Sonoma County and encourages Sonoma County residents to celebrate the important partnership between Sonoma County's Health Centers and the communities they serve.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.