

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2019/529

Proclaiming August 4-10, 2019 "National Health Center Week" in Contra Costa County

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Whereas: A significant number of Contra Costa County residents remain medically underserved for a number of reasons, including financial, cultural, legal, and structural barriers to quality health care; and

Whereas: Health Centers, which include members of the Community Clinic Consortium (LifeLong Medical Care, La Clínica de La Raza, and Planned Parenthood of Northern California) provide high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our county's underserved communities regardless of an individual's ability to pay, or their insurance or immigration status, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on Contra Costa's health care system.

Whereas: As a part of the country's largest primary care network, Health Centers serve more than 106,000 patients in Contra Costa County annually, the majority of whom are low-income individuals and families who make under 200% of the federal poverty level, and nearly one-third of Health Center patients remain uninsured.

Whereas: The committed and hardworking staff of Health Centers including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, ancillary, and administrative staff who provide high-quality primary health care as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient.

Whereas: Every day, Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities.

Whereas: Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients of each Health Center are engaged in their own health care decisions.

Whereas: The Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status - improving health care outcomes and reducing health care system costs.

Whereas: Health Centers reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patients chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms.

Whereas: Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises,

providing access to care for our nation’s veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters.

Whereas: National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate Contra Costa County’s health center organizations with 19 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth.

Whereas: During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of Contra Costa’s Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of the county’s health care system.

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim August 4-10, 2019 as National Health Center Week in Contra Costa County to honor the critically important contributions of Contra Costa’s Health Centers to the health and well-being of the county’s residents.

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Chair, District I Supervisor

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 6, 2019

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy