



National Health Center Week 2018

WHEREAS, Health centers provide high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventative care to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Health centers serve as critical economic engines helping to power local economies by generating billions of dollars in combined economic impact and creating jobs in some of the country's most economically deprived communities; and

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

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, and

WHEREAS, The health center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to access including geography, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs, and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's nearly 1,400 health center organizations with over 10,400 service delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago, and

WHEREAS, During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's health centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care system, and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Collin County Commissioners Court, on behalf of the citizens of Collin County, do hereby proclaim August 12-18, 2018 as **National Health Center Week** in Collin County. We encourage all Americans to take part in this week by celebrating the important partnership between America's health centers and the communities they serve.

Keith Self, County Judge

Susan Fletcher, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Cheryl Williams, Commissioner, Pct. 2

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