



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide a health care home to nearly 650,000 of their community members, one in eight people in Colorado; and*

*WHEREAS, as locally owned and operated small businesses, Colorado Community Health Centers support other local businesses and stabilize neighborhoods and employ more than 4,000 people, many of whom are residents of low-income communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to access to health care, including geography, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Health Centers save the entire health system nationally approximately \$24 billion annually by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings; and*

*WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have worked tirelessly to grow the nation's primary care infrastructure to meet the pressing needs of Americans who still lack access to primary care services, a number that exceeds 62 million nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's Community Health Centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since its creation nearly 50 years ago;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 10-16, 2014,*

### *NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK*

*in the State of Colorado.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of August, 2014*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the Governor.

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*