

# Proclamation

## by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers sponsors *National Health Center Week* to celebrate and increase awareness of America's 1,400 Community Health Centers; and
- Whereas,** *National Health Center Week* is an opportunity to highlight the commitment and passion of Community Health Center staff, board members, and supporters who make it possible to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare services to more than 30 million patients across 14,500 communities annually; and
- Whereas,** the 2023 Theme is: The Roadmap to a Stronger America. This theme takes us on a virtual road trip across America, highlighting the achievements and amazing work being done at Community Health Centers in every state and territory; and
- Whereas,** formed in 1983, the West Virginia Primary Care Association (WVPCA) is a private, non-profit association that represents West Virginia Community Health Centers, making up the largest primary care network in the state; and
- Whereas,** the WVPCA is the federally-designated primary care association for the Mountain State, and is the link between federal, state, and local entities providing health care for nearly 27%, or 1 in 4, of West Virginia residents, for a total of more than 465,000 West Virginians; and
- Whereas,** West Virginia's 31 Community Health Center organizations serve patients at more than 400 locations across the state, offering integrated primary care services, dental services, behavioral/mental health services, school-based health services, pharmacy services, optometry services, and other services, to ALL West Virginians, regardless of ability to pay.

**Now, Therefore,** Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *August 6-12, 2023* as:

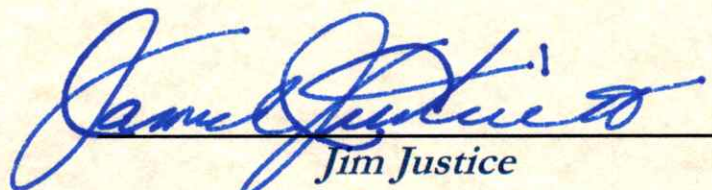
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in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.


**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

**Done** at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-First year of the State.



  
Jim Justice  
Governor

*By the Governor:*

  
Mac Warner  
Secretary of State