

*State of South Carolina*  
*Proclamation*  
*by*  
*Governor Jim Hodges*

**WHEREAS,** tragically, many citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation are medically underserved for a variety of reasons, including geographical isolation, financial barriers, and an insufficient number of health care providers; and

**WHEREAS,** Community Health Centers are private, non-profit corporations that provide high quality comprehensive health care to citizens throughout the Palmetto State who lack adequate access to basic health services; and

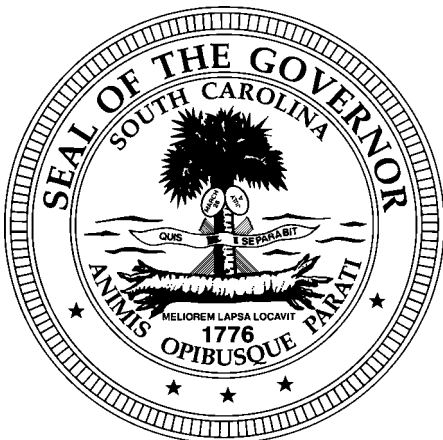
**WHEREAS,** Community Health Centers empower communities to develop programs to meet their specific needs, while providing health care services in accessible low-cost environments; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2001 observance of "Community Health Center Week" provides a unique opportunity for the citizens of South Carolina to recognize Community Health Centers throughout the state for their efforts to promote responsibility and health awareness in our communities and for their commitment to offering high quality primary health care to reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Jim Hodges, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 19 – 25, 2001, as

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of Community Health Centers on the health and quality of life of the citizens of the Palmetto State.



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