

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Community health centers are a key component of South Dakota's health care system, delivering high quality, cost-effective, and accessible primary care regardless of patients' insurance coverage or ability to pay; and,

*Whereas*, Community health centers deliver patient-centered primary and preventive health services that can help lower health care costs by reducing the number of expensive specialty or emergency room visits; and,

*Whereas*, Community health centers not only meet patients' health care needs but also assist with transportation, eligibility assistance, and case management; and,

*Whereas*, Community health centers create jobs and help support local economies, making them a valuable asset and economic engine for the communities they serve; and,

*Whereas*, Community health centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards and are responsive to local community needs; and,

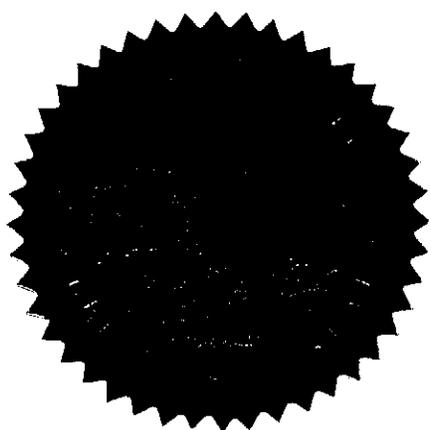
*Whereas*, There are 44 community health centers sites across South Dakota, serving 58,003 patients; and,

*Whereas*, National Health Center Week is observed each year to recognize America's health centers for delivering vital primary care services to help keep individuals and communities healthy and productive:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2012, as

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State