



Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS the nation's community health centers provide innovative, high-quality, affordable primary and preventive health care to more than 27 million Americans in over 10,000 communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS one in every 12 people in the United States and one of every six people in Whatcom County receives health care from a community health center; and

WHEREAS community health centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$45.6 billion in economic impact in communities across the country; and

WHEREAS Whatcom County's two community health centers, Unity Care NW and Sea Mar Community Health Centers, together employ 365 full-time equivalent staff, including physicians, nurse practitioners, behavioral health counselors, dentists, and hygienists who work as part of clinical care teams designed to provide coordinated health care for the whole person; and

WHEREAS our local community health centers are on the front lines of addressing some of our most pressing health issues, including addiction, homelessness, food insecurity, and access to dental care; and


WHEREAS community health centers have enjoyed a tradition of bipartisan support for over 50 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim August 12-18, 2018, to be

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 18th day of June, 2018


Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Jack Louws, County Executive
County of Whatcom

