



Proclamation

in Recognition of

Community Health Centers Week

WHEREAS, the fourteen Community Health Centers and their various outposts provide vital primary and dental care and behavioral health services to more than 140,000 medically underserved individuals throughout Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, these private, non-profit centers focus on improving the social determinants of health, equalizing health disparities, and improving access to health care for all Hawai'i residents, regardless of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, they have led the way in innovative primary and preventive care models which have achieved remarkable results, pointing the way to accessible, low-cost, community-based health care; and

WHEREAS, these centers provide services to a large percentage of Medicaid, homeless, and uninsured individuals in Hawai'i, serving as a critical health care safety net for our vulnerable and at-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are invaluable community assets, providing health services, stabilizing neighborhoods, bringing economic resources and jobs to low-income communities, and empowering individuals for better health and well-being;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of August 8 through August 12, 2016 as

“COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and congratulate the Boards, staff and patients of the following centers: Bay Clinic Inc.; Hamakua-Kohala Health; Hana Health, Ho'ola Lahui Hawai'i; Kalihi-Palama Health Center; Kokua Kalihi Valley; Ko'olauloa Community Health and Wellness Center, Inc.; Lana'i Community Health Center; Malama I Ke Ola Health Center; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; Waikiki Health; Waimanalo Health Center; and West Hawai'i Community Health Center.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this [...] day of August 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i