

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing August 7 - 13, 2016, as National Health Center Week.

RESOLUTION NO. 19231, August 8, 2016

INTRODUCED BY Alfred Jordan, Crystal Williams, Theresa Galvin, Garry J. Baker, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III and Greg Grounds, County Legislators

WHEREAS, for over 50 years, community health centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation's underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed healthcare can improve lives while lowering costs; and,

WHEREAS, what began as a small demonstration project in two states has grown into the country's largest primary care network, with health centers now serving as the health care home for over 24 million Americans through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, one in every fourteen people living in the United States looks to a community health center for primary health care; and,

WHEREAS, health centers provide high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventive care, including integrated medical, oral, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and,

WHEREAS, health centers are located in medically underserved areas and locally controlled by patient-majority boards, ensuring that each health center always remains responsive to the needs of the specific community it serves; and,

WHEREAS, health centers nationally employ nearly 170,000 people, including more than 11,200 physicians and more than 9,000 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient; and,

WHEREAS, health centers save the entire health system approximately \$24 billion annually by managing chronic conditions and keeping patients out of costlier health care settings, like hospital emergency rooms; and,

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, their dedicated staffs, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since the first health centers opened their doors more than 50 years ago; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature does hereby proclaim August 7 – 13, 2016, as National Health Center Week in Jackson County and encourages all citizens to celebrate the important partnership between America's health centers and the communities they serve.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 19231 of August 8, 2016, was duly passed on August 8, 2016 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

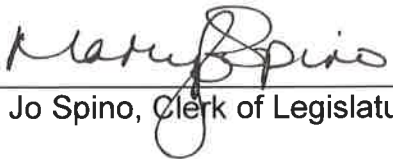
Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

8-8-16
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature