

National Health Center Week – August 2-8, 2026

By the authority of Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, the 2026 National Health Center Week celebration, presented by the Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers, in partnership with its member health centers, focuses on the theme “Building Innovative Care Where It Matters Most,” recognizing CHCs’ commitment to innovative solutions that expand access to quality primary care and improve health outcomes in Orange County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, during National Health Center Week, we recognize and celebrate the dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all individuals who have contributed to the ongoing success and growth of Community Health Centers since the first centers opened their doors more than 60 years ago; and

WHEREAS, for over 60 years, Community Health Centers, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), FQHC Look-Alikes, and Free Clinics, have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation’s communities with limited access, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on Orange County and America’s health care system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange County and the Coalition OC takes the opportunity of National Health Center Week to highlight and celebrate the innovative work and accomplishments of its members including: AltaMed Health Services, Inc., Celebrating Life Community Health Center, Center for Inherited Blood Disorders, Central City Community Health Center, Families Together of Orange County, Family Health Matters, Hurtt Family Health Clinic, Inc., KCS, Inc., Lestonnac Free Clinic, Livingstone CDC, MOMS Orange County, Nhan Hoa Comprehensive Health Care Clinic, Obria Medical Clinics, Radiant Health Centers, Rady Children’s Health, Serve the People Community Health Center, Sierra Health Center, Southland Integrated Services, St. Jude Neighborhood Health Centers, St. Youstina Community Clinic, Vista Community Clinic; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Orange, the Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers (Coalition OC) serves 20 community health center (CHCs) organizations, plus an additional community based partner, who together provide care at more than 106 locations, including 9 mobile sites, serving over 340,000 patients each year, including many uninsured residents and individuals who rely on Medi-Cal or Medicare, and for whom these CHCs are the only source of essential health care; and

WHEREAS, one in every thirteen Orange County residents receives care from a Community Health Center, underscoring their essential role as safety-net providers that deliver accessible, high-quality health care to all residents regardless of ability to pay or other circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County, Coalition OC's member CHCs expand access to primary care by providing comprehensive medical, dental, vision, preventive, behavioral health, select specialty, diagnostic imaging, and supportive services, including immunizations, food pantries, transportation, and rental assistance; and

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WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards and operate as nonprofit, locally controlled organizations, ensuring patient engagement in health care decisions while generating \$261.7 billion in economic activity nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers in Orange County support more than 1,100 direct and indirect jobs, including physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed family therapists, and certified nurse-midwives who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole person;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby proclaims August 2-8, 2026, as National Health Center Week and encourages residents to visit their local Community Health Center to celebrate the significant partnership between the Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.