

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 25

Proclaiming August 3 - August 9, 2025 as Health Center Week in Multnomah County, Oregon.

Multnomah County Finds:

- A. Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, social support, and pharmacy services, to provide comprehensive care, allowing each patient to thrive. Health centers have more than doubled their behavioral health workforce in the last decade to meet Americans' growing need for behavioral health services.
- B. Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving clients and communities as the safety net systems, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Community Health centers integrate medical, dental, and behavioral health care services into a single "health home" and consistently yield strong patient outcomes. Health centers also play a critical role in reducing racial and ethnic, geographic, socioeconomic, and other health inequities.
- C. Community Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring patients are engaged in their health care decisions.
- D. Community Health Centers are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for all people, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters. Community Health Centers operate over 1,000 mobile units, providing accessible health services in hundreds of rural and urban communities.
- E. Community Health Centers serve as beacons of hope for many members of our community, and it is an honor to recognize and celebrate the tremendous contributions of the Health Centers, their staff, and the volunteer boards that shape the past, present, and future of America's Health Care System, including that of Multnomah County's Community Health Center.

Multnomah County Proclaims:

August 3-9, 2025, as Health Center Week in Multnomah County. We appreciate the critical role that health centers play in serving communities across Multnomah County and celebrate the important partnership between our Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

SIGNED this 6th day of August, 2025.

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