

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146

Rep. Longjohn offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare August 3-9, 2025, as National Health  
2 Center Week in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, For nearly 60 years, community health centers have  
4 provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and  
5 preventive health care in our nation's medically underserved  
6 communities, delivering value to, and, having a significant impact  
7 on America's health care; and

8       Whereas, As the country's largest primary care network,  
9 community health centers are the health care home for over 32.5  
10 million Americans in over 16,000 communities across the country.  
11 One in every ten people in the United States gets their care at a  
12 community health center; and

13       Whereas, Community health centers are the health care home for  
14 over 675,000 Michiganders being served through over 450 sites in

1 every corner of the state, providing over 2.6 million visits in  
2 2023. One in every fifteen Michigan residents get their care at a  
3 community health center; and

4       Whereas, Community health centers play a large role in the  
5 nation's health system, finding unique ways to address the health  
6 care needs in Michigan's diverse rural, suburban, and urban  
7 populations, providing another accessible and dependable source of  
8 primary care in their communities; and

9       Whereas, Community health centers are responding to the  
10 chronic diseases by expanding access to primary care, which keeps  
11 Americans healthy and out of expensive health care settings like a  
12 hospital or emergency room; and

13       Whereas, Michigan's community health centers provided more  
14 than 67,500 well-child visits in 2023 and operated over 180 school-  
15 based sites; and

16       Whereas, Community health centers develop new approaches to  
17 integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including  
18 oral health, vision, behavioral health, nutrition, and pharmacy  
19 services, to provide comprehensive care, allowing each patient to  
20 thrive. Health centers have more than doubled their behavioral  
21 health workforce in the last decade to meet Americans' growing need  
22 for behavioral health service; and

23       Whereas, Community health centers are locally owned and  
24 operated nonprofit entities in Michigan that generate \$1.7 billion  
25 in economic impact for the state while supporting over 11,000 jobs  
26 directly and indirectly for Michiganders including physicians,  
27 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, licensed family  
28 therapists, and certified nurse-midwives who work as part of multi-  
29 disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient;

1 and

2       Whereas, Community health centers are governed by patient-  
3 majority boards, ensuring patients are engaged in their health care  
4 decisions; and

5       Whereas, The community health center model continues to prove  
6 an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access,  
7 including geography, income, and insurance status - improving  
8 health outcomes and reducing healthcare system costs. In 2023,  
9 Michigan community health centers helped over 69% of patients  
10 control their hypertension and over 72% of their patients control  
11 their diabetes; and

12       Whereas, Community health centers are on the front lines of  
13 emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our  
14 nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding  
15 to public health threats in the wake of natural disasters.  
16 Community health centers in Michigan utilize eleven mobile units to  
17 provide accessible health services in rural and urban communities  
18 across the state; and

19       Whereas, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to  
20 celebrate America's nearly 1,500 community health center  
21 organizations with over 16,000 service delivery sites, including  
22 more than 3,000 school-based sites; and

23       Whereas, During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the  
24 legacy of America's community health centers and their vital role  
25 in shaping the past, present, and future of America's health care  
26 system; now, therefore, be it

27       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
28 this legislative body declare August 3-9, 2025, as National Health  
29 Center Week in the state of Michigan. We honor their dedicated

1 staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for their  
2 continued success and growth since the first health centers opened  
3 their doors nearly 60 years ago.