

**Proclamation
Health Center Week
August 8 – 14, 2010**

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community directed providers of health care to the medically underserved in Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers ensure access to high-quality primary and preventive health care and other medical services, integrated with outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services, for 18 million people in the United States, including 8,000 individuals each year in Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, in the midst of economic turbulence, are expanding to accommodate increased demand, treating more of our citizens, always regardless of insurance status of ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are models for managing chronic disease, reducing racial and ethnic disparities and curbing infant mortality and preventable death, upholding the highest quality of care in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers serve two special populations often left outside of the mainstream American health care system, namely homeless citizens and migrant and seasonal laborers; and

WHEREAS, Attention turns to supporting Community Health Centers, as part of the commitment of Kootenai County to the provision of accessible, high-quality health care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim August 8-14, 2010 as


NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

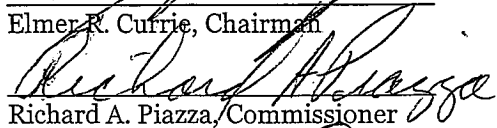
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that citizens are encouraged to become aware of the accessible, high-quality primary and preventive care and other services provided by Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers;

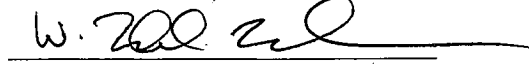
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that citizens are urged to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in improving health and the quality of life in Kootenai County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kootenai County does hereby recognize said contributions of Community Health Centers toward improving health and the quality of life.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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