STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, health centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, health centers expand access to quality health care for all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, health centers have made great strides in the Ohio health care system specifically by maintaining high standards of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to support implementation of health centers throughout the state of Ohio as part of Ohio's enduring commitment to the provision of quality primary health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate August 7-13, 2011 as

HEALTH CENTERS WEEK

throughout Ohio and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of health centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in Ohio and also to recognize the valued contributions of health centers in expanding access to health care and improving the health and future well-being of the citizens of Ohio.

On this 7th day of August, 2011;

John R. Kasich
Governor