

## PROCLAMATION

**Community Health Centers: Powering Communities through Caring Connections** 

- WHEREAS, For over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in our nation's medically underserved communities; and
- WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are a critical element of the health system, serving rural populations, often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities. Nationwide, Community Health Centers serve one in every five residents of rural areas; and
- WHEREAS, Every day, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services to meet the challenges of their communities; and
- WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that help power local economies by generating \$85 billion in economic activity; and
- WHEREAS, During National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present and future of America's health care system; and

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Judge do hereby proclaim August 4-10, 2024 as "National Health Center Week". I encourage all Americans to participate this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating this vital partnership between America's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Great Seal of Hopkins County, Texas in Sulphur Springs, the County Seat, this the Twenty-Second day of July in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



Robert Newsom, County Judge Hopkins County, Texas