

1 [National Health Center Week - August 4 through August 10, 2024]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming the week of August 4 through August 10, 2024, as National**
4 **Health Center Week in the City and County of San Francisco; and recognizing the work**
5 **of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium and its member community health**
6 **centers.**

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8 WHEREAS, Every August, the National Association of Community Health Centers
9 sponsors National Health Center Week to celebrate and increase awareness of America's
10 1,400 community health centers; and

11 WHEREAS, National Health Center Week is an opportunity to highlight the
12 commitment and passion of community health center staff and supporters who make it
13 possible to provide quality, comprehensive healthcare services to more than 31.5 million
14 patients across nearly 15,000 communities annually, including San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium (SFCCC) is a
16 partnership of 12 community health centers that collectively serve as the largest primary care
17 safety net delivery system in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, SFCCC cares for over 110,000 patients every year, over 10% of the city's
19 population, specifically those most greatly impacted by systemic oppression; and

20 WHEREAS, Most SFCCC patients are living at or below 200% of the federal poverty
21 level in one of the most expensive cities in the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, Each of SFCCC's 12 member clinics specializes in providing culturally and
23 linguistically appropriate care to a unique demographic of San Francisco's population
24 including AAPI, Black and African American, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities, seniors,
25 individuals struggling with substance use disorder and more; and

1 WHEREAS, For over 40 years, SFCCC has run two mobile medical outreach
2 programs: Street Outreach Services and Veterinary Street Outreach Services which provide
3 urgent care services to people and animals experiencing homelessness and attempt to
4 connect them with primary care in one of our partner clinics; and

5 WHEREAS, SFCCC clinics and all community health centers provide essential
6 healthcare services to all patients, regardless of their ability to pay or documentation status;
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8 WHEREAS, The members of the SFCCC include BAART Community Healthcare,
9 Curry Senior Center, Equity Health, HealthRIGHT 360, Marin City Health & Wellness Center,
10 Mission Neighborhood Health Center, Native American Health Center, North East Medical
11 Services, San Francisco Community Health Center, San Francisco Free Clinic, St. Anthony's
12 Medical Clinic, and Planned Parenthood Northern California as an affiliate partner; and

13 WHEREAS, The unique board composition of Federally Qualified Health Centers
14 (FQHCs), requiring a majority of consumer members, ensures significant patient input in all
15 major business decisions; and,

16 WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, FQHCs played a pivotal role in the
17 response efforts by administering and distributing COVID-19 tests, vaccinating community
18 members, and providing therapeutic treatments to hard-to-reach populations; and

19 WHEREAS, SFCCC centers provide invaluable services to the community by offering
20 access to primary care; helping to prevent and manage illnesses such as various cancers,
21 high blood pressure, diabetes, hepatitis, tuberculosis, and other preventable or treatable
22 chronic diseases; and offering programs to ameliorate the social determinants of health; and

23 WHEREAS, Community health centers excel in managing chronic illnesses, exceeding
24 national standards, and improving patient health outcomes; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims August 4
2 through August 10, 2024, as National Health Center Week in the City and County of San
3 Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes the
5 work of the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium and its member community health
6 centers in providing critical services to the City and County of San Francisco.

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