



Proclamation

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care in communities with limited access, delivering value to and having a significant impact on America's health care system; and

WHEREAS, as the nation's largest primary care network, Community Health Centers serve more than 52 million Americans through over 17,000 service delivery sites across the country, providing care to one in seven people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are a critical component of the nation's health care system, serving rural, suburban, island, frontier, mountain, and urban communities, and often providing the only source of primary care in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Health Centers, founded in 1972, is a trusted safety-net provider serving the Central Valley through 50 locations across Merced, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Health Centers employs more than 1,400 dedicated professionals who embody the mission of delivering compassionate, patient-centered care while advancing health equity and improving access to care throughout the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, during National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Community Health Centers and their vital role in building innovative care where it matters most;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW SERRATTO, Mayor of the City of Merced, do hereby proclaim August 2-8, 2026, as National Health Center Week. I encourage all Americans to participate in this week by visiting their local health center and celebrating the vital partnership between America's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

Signed this 3rd day of August 2026.

Matthew Serratto, Mayor of Merced