



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

WHEREAS, community health centers in Idaho have provided community-directed effective and efficient health care in Idaho for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, community health centers throughout Idaho work together as members of the Idaho Primary Care Association and have been part of this collaboration since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers form an integral piece of Idaho's overall health care system through 13 centers located in 43 communities across Idaho and provide medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 156,000 Idahoans; and

WHEREAS, beginning in late 2015 five additional Idaho communities and 6,493 additional Idahoans will be served by community health centers located in Rexburg, Caldwell, Preston, Fort Hall and Montpelier; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers provide access to care for all Idahoans of any income level; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers are community directed medical safety net providers operating as the medical home for Idaho families providing timely preventive and primary care services through early diagnosis and treatment for illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers save taxpayer dollars, advocating patient responsibility by requiring all patients to participate in their cost of care; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has invested in community health centers to help them enhance their service delivery infrastructure better meeting the medical needs of their surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Idaho community health centers serve as a key partner in the success of Your Health Idaho, by assisting Idahoans in making well informed choices as to health coverage for their families;

WHEREAS, that the State of Idaho recognizes the valued contributions and cost-effectiveness of Community Health Centers in providing access to primary health care improving the lives of citizens of the great State of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as

# **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK**

in Idaho, and urge citizens and policymakers to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding Idahoans' health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great state of Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred fortieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-sixth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY  
SECRETARY OF STATE