



**PROCLAMATION  
Health Center Week August 8-14, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Center, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community directed providers of health care to the medically underserved in the State of Florida and specifically, Sumter County; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers ensure access to high-quality primary and preventive health care and other medical services, integrated with outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services, for 18 million people in the United States, including over 778,000 people in Florida and over 13,500 people in Sumter County each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers, in the midst of economic turbulence, are expanding to accommodate increased demand, treating more of our citizens, always regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers are models for managing chronic disease, reducing racial and ethical disparities and curbing infant mortality and preventable death, upholding the highest quality of care in a cost-effective manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Health Centers serve two special populations often left outside of the mainstream of American health care system, namely homeless citizens and migrant and seasonal laborers (farm workers); and

**WHEREAS**, Attention turns to supporting Community Health Centers, as part of the commitment of Sumter County to the provision of accessible, high-quality health care; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA, HEREBY PROCLAIMS THE WEEK OF AUGUST 8th through AUGUST 14th, 2011 AS:**

**“National Health Center Week”**

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that citizens are encouraged to become aware of the accessible, high-quality primary and preventative care and other services provided by Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that citizens are urged to recognize the important contributions of Thomas E. Langley Medical Center in improving health and the quality of life in Sumter County;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Sumter County does hereby recognize said contributions of Community Health Centers toward improving health and quality of life.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 26th day of July 2011, Sumter County Florida.

Attest:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUMTER COUNTY**

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Connie Webb  
Deputy Clerk

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Don Burgess  
Chairman