

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL COUNTY
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of a Resolution in
Recognizing National Health Center
Week

RESOLUTION 20-07-30-1

WHEREAS, for over 45 years, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, part of the nationwide network of community health centers, has provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary and preventive health care to our County's underserved communities, delivering value to, and having a significant impact on, our regions health care system and health centers, like Virginia Garcia, are a critical element of the health system, serving both rural and urban communities, and often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care in their communities; and

WHEREAS, every day, Virginia Garcia develops new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of our diverse community and, the health center model at Virginia Garcia continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status, improving health care outcomes and reducing health care system costs; and

WHEREAS, health centers like Virginia Garcia reduce overall costs of care by helping manage patient's chronic conditions, keeping them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms and, health centers like Virginia Garcia are on the front lines of emerging health care crises, providing access to care for our nation's veterans, addressing the opioid epidemic, and responding to public health threats including COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, right here, in Yamhill County, we are home to five Virginia Garcia sites: two primary care clinics, two dental clinics, and a full-service school-based health center, these sites serve 12,001 patients (1 in 9 residents) and employ 90 people; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers us the opportunity to celebrate Virginia Garcia's delivery sites, their dedicated staff, board members, patients and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since Virginia Garcia opened their doors more than 45 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of August 9 – 15, 2020
as:

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

and encourage all residents to learn more about their local community health center and take part in this week by following them on social media, lending your voice in advocacy and, if possible, by donating to their work.

Done this 30th day of July, 2020.



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