

Yakima County Health Center Week Proclamation

August 8-14, 2010

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are nonprofit, community-owned and operated health providers serving uninsured and medically underserved people in Yakima County, and

WHEREAS, 2010 marks the 45th Anniversary of the creation of the Health Centers Program; and the 25th Anniversary of federal funding for Health Care for the Homeless, which has allowed national and local focus on best serving homeless people, particularly their health care and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County's three Community Health Centers expand access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to all people and contain health care costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers have made great strides in Yakima County's health care system by maintaining high standards in the delivery of care, and empowering communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities, and reduce preventable deaths, costly disabilities, and communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, it is with particular pride that the County of Yakima recognizes the national leadership of Yakima Neighborhood Health Services Chief Executive Officer Anita Monoian as the nationally elected Chair of the Board of the National Association of Community Health Centers, and

WHEREAS, Anita Monoian and her Community Health Center colleagues are leaders in keeping our communities healthy and our economy healthy by giving more people a health care home, saving health care costs and taking the pressure off local hospital emergency rooms, now, therefore,

Board of Yakima County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of August 8-14, 2010 as "**National Health Center Week**" in Yakima County and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all people in the great County of Yakima, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yakima County does hereby recognize the valued contributions of Community Health Centers to the health and well being of the citizens of the great County of Yakima and the significant role of our own county's Anita Monoian as the national leader of Community Health Centers.