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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2023, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY"

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Morales, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Kennedy, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: May 23, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For over fifty years, Rhode Island's Community Health Centers have
2 provided high-quality, affordable, comprehensive primary medical, dental, and behavioral health
3 care; and

4 WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide care to 190,000 individuals, regardless
5 of a person's age or ability to pay; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition, some Centers offer language interpretation and translation, as
7 well as transportation and case management; and

8 WHEREAS, Community Health Centers employ more than 2,019 people, including
9 physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, behavioral health providers, and
10 support staff; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2021, Community Health Centers created 3,408 jobs and generated
12 \$545,695,190 in total economic activity; and

13 WHEREAS, The eight Community Health Centers providing services in all five Rhode
14 Island counties are:

- 15 • Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc.;
- 16 • Comprehensive Community Action Program;
- 17 • East Bay Community Action Program;
- 18 • Providence Community Health Centers;
- 19 • Thundermist Health Center;

- 1 • Tri-Community Action Agency;
2 • WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care;
3 • Wood River Health; and

4 WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards,
5 ensuring the health centers hear and meet the needs of the patients and communities they serve;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, May 23, 2023, is a day to celebrate the legacy of Rhode Island’s
8 Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of Rhode
9 Island’s health care system; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
11 proclaims May 23, 2023, as “Rhode Island Community Health Center Day”; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Blackstone Valley Community Health Care
14 Inc., Comprehensive Community Action Program, East Bay Community Action Program,
15 Providence Community Health Centers, Thundermist Health Center, Tri-Community Action
16 Agency, WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care, and Wood River Health, and the Rhode
17 Island Health Center Association.

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