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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2024, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY"

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Stewart, Boylan, Kislak, Cruz, Potter, and Sanchez

Date Introduced: May 23, 2024

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, Qualified Rhode Island Community Health Centers provide care to more
5 than 200,000 Rhode Islanders, regardless 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 2,000 physicians, nurse
9 practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, behavioral health providers, and support staff; and

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

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

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

- 1 • WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care; and
2 • Wood River Health; and

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

6 WHEREAS, May 23, 2024, is a day to celebrate the legacy of Rhode Island’s
7 Community Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of Rhode
8 Island’s health care system; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 proclaims May 23, 2024, as “Rhode Island Community Health Center Day”; and be it further

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

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