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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 22, 2026, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Potter, Diaz, and Kislak

Date Introduced: May 21, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For over fifty years, Rhode Island's Community Health Centers have  
2 provided high-quality, affordable, and comprehensive primary medical, dental, and behavioral  
3 healthcare to residents across the State; and

4 WHEREAS, Qualified Rhode Island Community Health Centers provide care to more  
5 than 200,000 Rhode Islanders annually, regardless of a person's age, insurance status, or ability to  
6 pay; and

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

9 WHEREAS, Community Health Centers employ more than 2,000 physicians, nurse  
10 practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, behavioral health providers, and support staff; and

11 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Community Health Centers create and support more than  
12 3,000 jobs and generate more than \$540 million 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 • East Bay Community Action Program;
- 17 • Providence Community Health Centers;
- 18 • Thundermist Health Center;
- 19 • Comprehensive Community Action Program;

- 1 • Tri-Town Community Action Agency;
- 2 • WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care; and
- 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 22, 2026, 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 healthcare system; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
11 proclaims May 22, 2026, 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., East Bay Community Action Program, Providence Community Health Centers, Thundermist  
15 Health Center, Comprehensive Community Action Program, Tri-Town Community Action  
16 Agency, WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care, and Wood River Health.

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