

CITY OF YAKIMA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services community clinics are a vital part of our community's health care systems; and

WHEREAS, our community's health centers expand access to quality health care for all people, helping to contain costs by encouraging prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with outreach, patient education, translation, and other enabling services; and

WHEREAS, during National Community Health Center Week, we annually recognize the importance of these health centers for their role in providing affordable and accessible care; and

WHEREAS, community health centers also play a significant role as major local employers and an important source of economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, partnering with the other community health centers and many agencies in Yakima County, has led the effort to help uninsured residents enroll in a health insurance plan that meets their needs and their budget; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services has grown from a staff of five caring for about 20 patients to more than 90,000 patient visits a year up and down the Yakima Valley,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of August 4-10, 2019 as

“NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK”

in the city of Yakima and urge our community to recognize the multitude of ways in which community health centers help those in need.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2019

Kathy Coffey, Mayor