

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Yakima's three community health centers are a vital part of our community's health care system; and

WHEREAS, Yakima Neighborhood Health Services, Community Health of Central Washington and Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic 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, these three Yakima 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, Community Health of Central Washington and Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic partnering with many agencies in the City and County of Yakima, has led the effort to help uninsured residents enroll in a health insurance plan that meets their needs and their budget; and

WHEREAS, these community health centers served 86,415 patients last year up and down the Yakima Valley,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of August 7-13, 2022 as

“NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK”

in the City of Yakima and urge our community to recognize the multitude of ways in which health centers are “The Chemistry for Strong Communities.”

Dated this 1st day of August, 2022

Janice Deccio, Mayor