

# Proclamation

Community Health Centers play an important and valuable role in our state by serving the homeless, the uninsured, immigrants, Native Hawaiians and many other medically-underserved citizens. These nonprofit, community owned and operated healthcare providers help expand access to primary care and preventative services for all people. They also help contain healthcare costs by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services for people with cultural or socio-economic barriers to care.

Community Health Centers provide high quality healthcare and care management for patients with chronic diseases and co-occurring conditions, and they also empower communities to address unmet health needs, reduce health disparities and combat preventable deaths, costly disabilities and communicable diseases.

Locally, there are 13 Community Health Centers serving 100,000 people on five islands, including:

- **O'ahu**
  - Kalihi-Pālana Health Center
  - Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services
  - Ko'olauloa Community Health & Wellness Center
  - Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
  - Waikīkī Health Center
  - Waimānalo Health Center
- **Hawai'i**
  - Bay Clinic
  - Hāmākua Health Center
  - West Hawai'i Community Health Center
- **Moloka'i**
  - Moloka'i 'Ohana Health Care
- **Kaua'i**
  - Kaua'i Community Health Center and Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i
- **Maui**
  - Community Clinic of Maui
  - Hāna Community Health Center

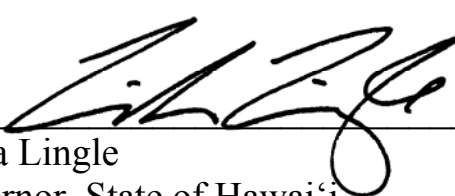
Each year, the National Association of Community Health Centers celebrates *National Health Center Week* during the second week of August in order to recognize the many valuable contributions these centers make to our communities. This year's theme, *America's Health Centers: Your Health Care, Your Home* emphasizes the central mission of these facilities: to provide a healthcare home for all Americans in need.

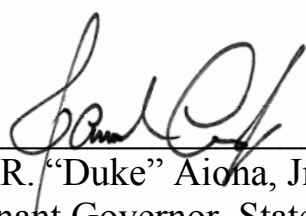
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim **August 5 through 11, 2007**, as

## HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Hawai'i, and extend our sincere gratitude to all board members, staff and volunteers of our state's Community Health Centers for their steadfast dedication to the health and well-being of our citizens.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of July 2007.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i