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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2023, AS "RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY"

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: May 23, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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, Community Health Centers provide care to 190,000 individuals, regardless  
5 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 2,019 people, including  
9 physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, behavioral health providers, and  
10 support staff; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2021, Community Health Centers created 3,408 jobs and generated  
12 \$545,695,190 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 • Comprehensive Community Action Program;
- 17 • East Bay Community Action Program;
- 18 • Providence Community Health Centers;
- 19 • Thundermist Health Center;

- 1           • Tri-Community Action Agency;  
2           • WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care;  
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 23, 2023, is a day to celebrate the legacy of Rhode Island's Community  
8 Health Centers, and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of Rhode Island's  
9 health care system; now, therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims May 23,  
11 2023, 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., Comprehensive Community Action Program, East Bay Community Action Program,  
15 Providence Community Health Centers, Thundermist Health Center, Tri-Community Action  
16 Agency, WellOne Primary Medical & Dental Care, and Wood River Health, and the Rhode  
17 Island Health Center Association.

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