



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** Community Health Centers provide high quality, affordable primary and preventive health care to underserved communities around the U.S., including Mesa County where MarillacHealth cared for over 12,000 residents in 2019; and
- Whereas,** Community Health Centers are critical in serving both rural and urban communities often providing the only accessible and dependable source of primary care; and
- Whereas,** new approaches are developed for a wide range of health services including oral, vision, behavioral and pharmacy; and
- Whereas,** Community Health Centers are governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring that the patients are engaged in their own health care decisions; and
- Whereas,** these locally owned and operated small businesses employ more than 230,000 people and serve as critical economic engines, generating \$54.6 billion in some of the country's most economically deprived communities; and
- Whereas,** multi-disciplinary clinical teams including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives are designed to treat the whole patient; and
- Whereas,** this model proves an effective means, reducing system costs and improving health care outcomes by governing with patient-majority boards and managing chronic conditions; and
- Whereas,** during National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Health Centers and their vital role in shaping America's health care system; and
- Whereas,** MarillacHealth is proud to serve Mesa County and celebrates the 85 staff at 5 delivery sites, 12 Board Members, numerous partnerships; and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since first opening their doors 32 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.E. Duke Wortmann, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim August 9 - 15, 2020 as

"National Health Center Week"

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage the community to celebrate our local Community Health Center, MarillacHealth, and the significant role it plays in providing affordable and accessible health care to those in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of August 2020.


C.E. Duke Wortmann
Mayor