



City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado

Proclamation

- Whereas,** For over 50 years and as the country's largest primary care network, Community Health Centers are the health care home for 30 million Americans in over 14,000 communities across the nation. One in every twelve people in the United States gets their care in a Community Health Center and MarillacHealth serves over 12,000 Mesa County residents annually; and
- Whereas,** Every day, Community Health Centers provide essential resources and support, and develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, vision, behavioral health, and pharmacy services, to meet the needs and challenges of their communities; and
- Whereas,** The Community Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status - improving health care outcomes and reducing health care system costs by helping manage patients' chronic conditions, which keeps them out of costlier health care settings like hospital emergency rooms; and
- Whereas,** Community Health Centers are locally owned and operated small businesses that serve as critical economic engines, helping to power local economies by generating \$63.4 billion in economic activity in some of the country's most economically-deprived communities; and
- Whereas,** Community Health Centers nationally employ more than 253,000 people and MarillacHealth employs over 90 people including medical, dental, and behavioral health experts, and patient advocates, who work as part of multi-disciplinary clinical teams designed to treat the whole patient; and
- Whereas,** National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate America's Community Health Centers, their dedicated staff, board members, and patients; and
- Whereas,** We celebrate Marillac's 90+ staff members at their 6 delivery sites, 11 Board Members, numerous partnerships, 12,000 plus patients, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth since they first opened 34 years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction do hereby proclaim August 7 – 13, 2022, 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 27th day of July, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Stout", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

