

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers located in 51 counties provide high quality comprehensive health care to over 190,000 people in the state of Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Community Health Centers have made great strides in Georgia's health care system by maintaining a high standard of accountability, demonstrating cost effectiveness, empowering communities to develop programs to meet their specific needs, strengthening communities to enhance opportunities for children and families and providing health care services in accessible low -cost environments

WHEREAS: Georgia's Community Health Centers, through their state organization, the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, are leaders in the national campaign to achieve 100 percent access and zero health disparities; and

WHEREAS: The Community Health Centers deserve commendation for their outstanding adherence to prescribed standards of care and quality assurance and for networking to maximize and coordinate resources, enabling the provision of services to more Georgians; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby commend

GEORGIA'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

And recognize them as they celebrate August 10-16 as "Health Center Week" in Georgia and urge the people of Georgia to recognize the important contributions of our Community Health Centers to the improvement of the general quality of life of the citizens of our great state.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 11th day of July, 2003.