



Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are 38 Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs) and 51 federally certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) located in 43 counties throughout Colorado; and

WHEREAS, these clinics were created by civic-minded individuals, health care professionals and systems, churches and other community organizations who recognized that there are countless individuals, children and families in need of access to health care services; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's CSNCs and RHCs provide an estimated 878,000 visits to approximately 332,000 Colorado residents annually, many in rural and underserved parts of our state; and

WHEREAS, these clinics provide essential health care treatment and preventive services to vulnerable populations in communities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, CSNCs and RHCs are safety net providers, serving primarily low income, vulnerable, at-risk Coloradans who are uninsured, underinsured or insured through public programs like Medicare, Medicaid or the subsidized health plans purchased through Connect for Health Colorado; and

WHEREAS, CSNCs and RHCs receive very little, if any government funding; instead they rely on a complex and vulnerable funding streams; and

WHEREAS, CSNCs and RHCs often lack human and technical resources, but are creating innovative solutions to delivering patient-centered, high quality care in an efficient and effective manner to their approximately 332,000 unique patients by some 878,000 patient visits each year;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 18-22, 2014,

SAFETY NET CLINIC WEEK

in the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-second day of August, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

*John W. Hickenlooper
Governor*