

SNCW 2023 Proclamation Language

WHEREAS, Community Safety Net Clinics (CSNCs), federally certified Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), School-Based Health Centers, Family Medicine Residencies, Rural Training Tracks, and Rural Rotation Sites all make exceptional contributions to the health and wellbeing of Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's school-based health centers provide primary health care, behavioral health care, and many more services at no cost; and

WHEREAS, Rural Health Clinics provide essential health care treatment and preventive services to vulnerable populations in rural communities throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, Community Safety Net Clinics serve Coloradans who are uninsured, underinsured or insured through public programs like Medicaid, CHP+ and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's Commission on Family Medicine addresses Colorado's needs for well-trained family physicians and advanced primary care practitioners, particularly in rural and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, these care settings were established by civic-minded individuals, health care professionals, and community organizations that recognized the need to insure access to primary care services to individuals, children and families in rural and underserved areas of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, these care settings often lack sufficient workforce and technical resources, but are creating innovative solutions to delivering patient-centered, high-quality care in an efficient and effective manner; and

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

WHEREAS, we express our appreciation and gratitude to these clinics who dedicate their time, energy and resources to serving their communities;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim August 14-18, 2023 as SAFETY NET CLINIC WEEK