



WHEREAS, rural primary care safety net clinics, including designated Rural Health Clinics, make exceptional contributions to the health and well-being of Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, over 100 safety net clinics across Colorado's 47 rural and frontier counties provide care to over 200,000 patients annually; and

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

WHEREAS, rural safety net clinics serve Coloradans who are uninsured, underinsured or insured through public programs like Medicaid, CHP+, and Medicare; and

WHEREAS, these rural safety net clinics 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, rural safety net clinics face financial sustainability challenges and do not receive any supplemental federal support beyond Medicaid and Medicare, and must rely on an uncertain patchwork of funding to keep their doors open; and

WHEREAS, despite these challenges, rural safety net clinics 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 rural safety net 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 the time period between August 17 and August 23, 2025, as

SAFETY NET CLINIC WEEK

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of August, 2025



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis
Governor