

Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County *Proclaiming National Health Center Week*

August 9-15, 2009 Clinicas Del Camino Real, Incorporated

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, also known as Federally Qualified Health Centers, are nonprofit, community directed providers of health care to the medically underserved in the County of Ventura; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, like Clinicas Del Camino Real, ensure access to high-quality primary and preventive health care and other medical services, integrated with outreach, patient education, translation and other enabling services, for 18 million people in the United States, including 45,445 individuals this year in Ventura County; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers, in the midst of economic turbulence, are expanding to accommodate increased demand for health care services such as immunizations, oral health, women's health, preventative care, mental health, and family planning services to more of our citizens, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are models for managing chronic disease, curbing infant mortality, screening for and preventing sexual transmitted infections, and preventable death, while upholding the highest quality of care in a cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers are the non-profit safety net for special populations often left outside of the mainstream health care system this includes children, young people, women, the underinsured, insured and migrant and seasonal farm workers; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in proclaiming the week of August 9 through August 15, 2009, as "National Health Center Week"

PRESENTED THIS 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2009

Chair of the Board of Supervisors Steve Bennett, Supervisor 1st District

Supervisor 3rd District

Barks, Supervisor 27 District

Peter C. Foy, Supervisor 4th District

John C. Zaragoza, Supervisor 5th District