

Proclamation of National Health Center Week

August 13-19, 2017

WHEREAS, community health centers are non-profit, community-owned and operated health care providers providing access to care for all Alabamians, regardless of their insurance status or their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. offers comprehensive primary and preventative health care services to over 50,000 people annually, of which two-thirds live below the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. is critical to the health and wellbeing of the residents of Alabama's urban and rural communities, and their comprehensive model for delivering primary and preventive care has been recognized as one of the most successful at improving health outcomes and reducing health care costs; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. has a strong record of achievement for excellence in care, disparities reduction, cost-effectiveness, and community benefit by fostering prevention and integrating the delivery of primary care with aggressive outreach, patient education, translation, and other enabling services; and

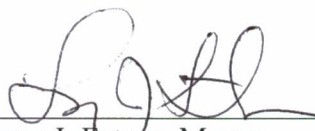
WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc.'s twenty-four (24) health centers educate and facilitate enrollment of eligible uninsured patients and guide area residents into affordable health insurance coverage through the federally-facilitated marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. and other community health centers in the state are participating in chronic disease management projects that reduce disparities, improve health outcomes, and decrease costs; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc.'s health centers reduce inappropriate emergency department usage and unnecessary hospitalizations by providing essential services known to be effective in preventing and managing chronic illness, such as: early disease identification and intervention, care management and coordination, and patient engagement; and

WHEREAS, Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. has been and will remain at the forefront of health system transformation, including working hand-in-hand with other providers to create high-performing health systems throughout Alabama,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Larry J. Fetner, hereby proclaim the Week of August 13 through 19, 2017 as "National Health Center Week" in Ashland and urge citizens to recognize the important contributions of community health centers in safeguarding health and improving the quality of life for all residents.



Larry J. Fetner, Mayor
City of Ashland