CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers provide high-quality, affordable, comprehensive healthcare in our nation's medically underserved communities, having a significant impact on America's healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, every day, Community Health Centers develop new approaches to integrating a wide range of services beyond primary care, including oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and mobile services, to provide comprehensive care, allowing each community member to thrive; one in every eleven people in the United States gets their care at a Community Health Center: and

WHEREAS, CHAS Health serves patients throughout our community, serving over 122,000 patients in 2024; and CHAS Health employs 1,693 people in Spokane County, including providers, clinical support staff, community health workers, apprentices, administrative staff, and more; and

WHEREAS, the Community Health Center model continues to prove effective as a means of overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income, and insurance status – improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare system costs; and

WHEREAS, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to celebrate America's more than 1,400 Community Health Center organizations like CHAS Health. We honor their dedicated staff and board members for their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of America's healthcare system:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim August 3-9, 2025 as

NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in Spokane and encourage all residents to participate in this week by visiting a Community Health Center near them and celebrating this vital partnership between CHAS Health and the City of Spokane.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 1st day of August 2025.

Lisa Brown Mayor

