

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY SENATOR MCMATH

A RESOLUTION

To designate Tuesday, May 27, 2025, as Louisiana Community Health Center Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association and Louisiana's community health centers for their continued commitment to providing high quality, cost effective health care to underserved communities in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) was established in 1982 as a nonprofit organization and the trade association for all the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, this association has been providing primary care services inclusive of dental and behavioral service to the uninsured and underserved populations throughout the entire state of Louisiana stressing the importance of healthcare access as the foundation to building healthcare communities; and

WHEREAS, LPCA is a membership organization of forty-one community health centers operating over four hundred seventy individual sites and is governed by a six-person executive committee, a forty-one person board of directors, and staffed by twenty-one employees committed to the goal of achieving healthcare access to all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, these community-based health center sites have delivered care over the past year to over 503,000 patients with over 2,000,000 visits; and

WHEREAS, through providing innovative and cost-efficient care Louisiana's community health centers have the ability to maintain the highest standard in quality and patient satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, this network of providers has a tremendous economic impact in Louisiana by creating over 8,800 jobs, generating \$153 million in tax revenue, and spending \$798 million; and

WHEREAS, this FQHC model of care delivery has led to \$964 million in savings to the healthcare system and \$703 million savings to the Medicaid program as well as generated \$29 million in local, state, and federal tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the community health centers emphasize wellness and preventative care and offer screening for cervical and colorectal cancer, weight assessment and screening, tobacco cessation, and immunizations, as well as placing a special emphasis on comprehensive care management of chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, these healthcare facilities are woven deeply into the fabric of their communities and participate in outreach and communication efforts striving to eliminate the disparities in care associated with patient race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby designate Tuesday, May 27, 2025, as Louisiana Community Health Center Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and does hereby commend the Louisiana Primary Care Association and its community health center members for over forty years of providing care to Louisiana citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE