



**WHEREAS**, improving the access to quality healthcare for low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured is a critical part of providing equitable healthcare to all Illinois residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is the Illinois state representative of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics and also serves as the umbrella organization for 40 free charitable clinics that operate throughout the state of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, those member clinics each provide uninsured and underinsured Illinois residents a culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare environment with free or affordable, high-quality health services that advance the elimination of health disparities among uninsured and underserved populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, those member clinics serve more than 60,000 patients each year and conduct 110,000 healthcare visits annually - including 862,000 uninsured Illinoisans; and,

**WHEREAS**, those clinics provide those patients with medical, dental, pharmacy, and behavioral health services at no cost to economically disadvantaged individuals; and,

**WHEREAS**, those services are provided by volunteer physicians, nurses, public health administrators, support specialists, and medical and public health students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics enhances the sustainability of new and existing free and charitable clinics; fosters growth in free and charitable clinic access points, service lines, and patients, especially in areas of high unmet need; and defines, articulates, and manifests the place free and charitable clinics hold in the era of health reform;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 2024 as **Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics Month**.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
*this* THIRTY-FIRST *day of* JULY *, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
TWENTY-FOUR *, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and* FIFTH *.*



*Alexi Giannoulis*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR