



WHEREAS, enhancing access to quality healthcare for low-income individuals who are uninsured or underinsured is a fundamental aspect of ensuring equitable healthcare for all residents of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics serves as the state representative of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics and acts as the coordinating body for 40 free and charitable clinics operating across Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, these member clinics provide a culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare environment for uninsured and underinsured residents, offering high-quality health services at no cost or at affordable rates, with the aim of reducing health disparities; and,

WHEREAS, these clinics collectively serve over 60,000 patients and conduct 110,000 healthcare visits annually, including services for the 862,000 uninsured individuals in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the services provided encompass medical, dental, pharmacy, and behavioral health care at no charge to economically disadvantaged individuals; and,

WHEREAS, these services are delivered by dedicated volunteers, including physicians, nurses, public health administrators, support specialists, and students from medical and public health programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is committed to enhancing the sustainability of both emerging and established free and charitable clinics, fostering growth in access points, expanding service offerings, and increasing patient capacity, particularly in areas with significant unmet healthcare needs, and clearly articulates the vital role of free and charitable clinics in the current health reform landscape;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim August 2026 as **Illinois Free and Charitable Clinics Month** in Illinois.

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 TWENTY-NINTH day of JULY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.

Alexi Giannouli
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR