



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Chicago Family Health Center (CFHC), formerly known as Claretian Medical Center, was opened in 1977 by the Claretian priests of Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church in South Chicago to address the pressing need for a vital health safety net to provide quality healthcare for area residents; and

WHEREAS, at its onset, the Center only housed a staff of four who provided healthcare to 400 patients in its first year of operation at 91st Street & Commercial Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the mission of CFHC – to promote health, work to prevent disease, and provide treatment through the delivery of quality, accessible primary health care that is culturally sensitive, affordable and responsive to community and individual needs – is a mission that has helped and healed generations of families; and

WHEREAS, today CFHC is a 501 (c)(3) and Federally Qualified Health Center that offers coordinated, comprehensive primary and dental care, and behavioral health and supportive programs across the South Chicago, Pullman, Roseland, East Side and Chicago Lawn neighborhoods with more than 200 employees who serve more than 30,000 patients annually; and

WHEREAS, CFHC continues to provide access to quality, affordable care in some of the most underserved communities in the City of Chicago meeting the healthcare needs of many who may live below the poverty level, rely on Medicaid, or are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, CFHC has been recognized as a Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) establishing the Center as a model of care emphasizing care coordination and communication to transform primary care into a positive and beneficial experience for patients; and

WHEREAS, an indelible Chicago institution, the Chicago Family Health Center is celebrating its milestone 40th Anniversary in 2017 which will see activities for patients, staff and the community to be held throughout the year culminating with the Healing Hands Celebration in September:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAHM EMANUEL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim the week of January 25 – February 1, 2017 to be CFHC WEEK IN CHICAGO in recognition of the Center's enduring commitment to the health and wellness of every community, and urge all Chicagoans to acknowledge 40 years of innovative health solutions, excellence and quality, and a holistic approach to care for all patients as we offer our highest commendation and appreciation to the Center's dedicated staff.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 2017.


Mayor