

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, for over 50 years, Community Health Centers have provided high-quality, affordable health care in our nation's underserved communities, demonstrating that locally governed healthcare can improve lives while lowering costs. Health Centers now serve as the health care home for over 24 million Americans through more than 9,000 delivery sites across the nation. One in every fourteen people living in the United States looks to a community health center for their care; and

**WHEREAS**, Hidalgo Medical Services, which was started in Hidalgo County in 1995 and now provides high quality, cost effective, and accessible primary and preventive care to the communities of both Hidalgo and Grant Counties, and includes integrated medical, dental, behavioral health, family support and pharmacy services, to all individuals regardless of insurance status or ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Center model continues to prove an effective means of reducing healthcare disparities and overcoming barriers to healthcare access, including geography, income and insurance status, and in doing so, improves health care outcomes and reduces health care system costs; and

**WHEREAS**, National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's Community Health Centers, such as Hidalgo Medical Services, and their dedicated staff, board members, and all those responsible for their continued success and growth. During this National Health Center Week, we celebrate the legacy of America's Community Health Centers and their vital role in shaping the future of America's health care system;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, and on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim August 13-19, 2017 as

### **"National Health Center Week"**

and we encourage every resident of the Town of Silver City to visit Hidalgo Medical Services to celebrate the important partnership between America's Community Health Centers and the communities they serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 8th day of August, 2017.

(Seal)

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk