

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the La Clinica Community Health Center has been providing high-quality, effective and affordable health care to people without prejudice to race, color, creed, gender, or economic status since 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, the La Clinica Community Health Center was started by five Hispanic women who were looking for affordable health care for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, today, La Clinica Community Health Center offers full medical, dental, mental health, housing, women, infant and children's nutritional programs, and First Steps (maternity support program) at its Pasco, Kennewick and Basin City locations; and

**WHEREAS**, La Clinica started with two doctors, 3,000 square feet of work space and a budget of \$300,000; today the clinic has a staff of 300, including 40 providers of medical, dental, and mental health services, 52,000 square feet of work space, and a budget of \$20 million; and

**WHEREAS**, during the first few years, La Clinica's annual patient load was about 9,000; today it serves approximately 130,000; and

**WHEREAS**, 2007 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the first La Clinica Community Health Center;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby recognize the La Clinica Community Health Center and its role in delivering affordable, quality health care to unserved populations. It's work, growth, and continued success is an inspiration for all residents of Washington State.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007

Handwritten signature of Christine O. Gregoire in blue ink.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

