

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA
HEALTH CENTER WEEK PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
IN CORDOVA, ALASKA
August 7-13, 2011

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic are nonprofit, community directed providers of health care to the medically underserved in Alaska;

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic ensure access to high-quality primary and preventive health care and other medical services, integrated with outreach, patient education, translation and other case management/wrap around services, for 18 million people in the United States, including over 86,000 individuals each year in Alaska;

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic provide high quality health care to the uninsured, under-insured and hard to serve populations of Alaska, such as hard working low income families, village and frontier communities (often as the sole medical provider), and rural veterans;

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic, in the midst of economic turbulence, are expanding to accommodate increased demand, treating more of our citizens, always regardless of insurance status or ability to pay;

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic are models for managing chronic disease, curbing infant mortality and preventable death, upholding the highest quality of care in a cost-effective manner;

WHEREAS, strengthening the primary care system, including the community health center providers, produces a high return on investment both in terms of health care dollars saved and in quality of life for Alaskans;

WHEREAS, Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic serve special populations often left outside of the mainstream American health care system, such as senior citizens (Medicare recipients) and seasonal laborers, (such as in the commercial fishing industry);

WHEREAS, Attention turns to supporting Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic, as part of the commitment of this State to the provision of accessible, high-quality health care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY Mayor James Kallander, that the week of August 7 through August 13, 2011, is hereby “National Health Center Week” in this City;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that citizens are encouraged to become aware of the accessible, high-quality primary and preventive care and other services provided by Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic;

BE IT FUTHER PROCLAIMED, that citizens are urged to recognize the important contributions of Community Health Centers like the Ilanka Clinic in improving health and the quality of life in this City;

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this City does hereby recognize said contributions of Community Health Centers toward improving health and the quality of life.

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2011

James Kallander, Mayor