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## **PROCLAMATION**

### **“Agricultural Worker Health Day”**

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 3 to 5 million Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers are employed in the nation’s multi-billion-dollar agricultural industry and whose back-breaking labor makes possible the production and harvest of many crops. Thank those who had worked at the frontline during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, agriculture ranks among the most dangerous occupations, subjecting workers to health and occupational risk, yet Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers by virtue of their work and economically – disadvantage status confront significant barriers to accessing doctors and needed health services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Migrant Health Program enacted in 1962 planted the seed that has enabled communities to establish Migrant Health Center, which today serves more than a million Migrant Seasonal Farmworkers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Migrant Health Centers have evolved into strong models of primary care practice addressing the complex needs of a vulnerable population while demonstrating the value of outreach population, patient education, linguistically and culturally competent care to promote better health and ensure healthy communities; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have confirmed that Migrant Health Centers deliver comprehensive, high-quality, and cost-effective preventive and primary health care services in addition to lifting the barriers of health care and reducing health disparities; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim, the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2020, as “Agricultural Worker Health Day” in San Benito County.

In witness of the approval of this proclamation by the Board of Supervisors of San Benito County on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

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Jaime De La Cruz, Chairman  
San Benito County Board of Supervisors