

City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

ROSALYNN C. BLISS MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers serve as a bridge between vulnerable residents of our city and providers of health, social and community services; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers provide essential health education and referrals for a wide range of services; and

WHEREAS, these committed professionals have a positive impact on countless lives through many ways, including helping residents prevent and manage chronic diseases and develop healthier lifestyles, improve maternal and child health, increase rates of preventative screenings and increase access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers help to promote trust in health care providers by offering culturally appropriate health care to individual clients and assisting families in developing the necessary skills and resources to improve their health status, family functioning and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, our community is immensely grateful to these professionals for their commitment to ensuring that at-risk and underserved residents receive the health and social services they need to lead productive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosalynn Bliss, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, do hereby proclaim August 17, 2023 as

Community Health Worker Appreciation Day

in Grand Rapids and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating these professionals and all they do for our community.

Rosalynn Bliss