# STATE OF MICHIGAN

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE

To

## FREE & CHARITABLE CLINICS OF MICHIGAN

**LET IT BE KNOWN**, That with sincere gratitude and admiration, we honor the Free & Charitable Clinics of Michigan (FCOM) and the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to provide critical healthcare services to individuals and families across our state. Through their network of 70 free and charitable clinics, FCOM serves as a lifeline for tens of thousands of Michiganders, providing compassionate, high-quality care to those who might otherwise face insurmountable barriers to essential health services. Their unwavering commitment to addressing unmet health care needs strengthens our communities and ensures the well-being of our most vulnerable residents.

Established out of a need to provide accessible, low-cost, or free healthcare to communities throughout Michigan, the clinics affiliated with FCOM embody the spirit of local solutions to address local needs. These clinics, often staffed by volunteers from the surrounding community, have become trusted places of hope and healing. In 2023 alone, Michigan's free and charitable clinics served approximately 40,000 patients, providing essential medical, dental, and behavioral health services regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

The strength and success of FCOM's clinics rely on the dedication of over 6,000 volunteers, including 2,400 clinical professionals who lend their skills, compassion, and countless hours to those in need. Every service provided by these clinics reflects a commitment to community health, addressing critical social determinants and connecting patients to a network of local resources such as pharmacies, food sources, and specialized care. Many clinics have served their communities for over two decades, and their contributions are vital to the health and well-being of Michiganders statewide.

**IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE**, Therefore, this document is signed and dedicated to the Free & Charitable Clinics of Michigan and their extraordinary volunteers in recognition of their selfless service, their unwavering dedication to Michigan communities, and their essential contributions to public health. We extend our heartfelt thanks to FCOM for their commitment to care, and we support the establishment of a Free and Charitable Clinics Recognition Week as a symbol of our gratitude. May these clinics and their volunteers continue to be a source of health, hope, and healing across our great state

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