## CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION HONORING PEOPLE'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLINIC 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS, in 1994, People's Health and Wellness Clinic through a free-clinic model saw its first patient; and
- WHEREAS, People's Health and Wellness Clinic thrives because of the generous volunteers who donate their time providing medical, mental health, oral health, bodywork and complementary modalities, and case management services; and
- WHEREAS, People's Health and Wellness Clinic focuses on prevention with a goal of assisting patients in navigating the healthcare system, including assistance enrolling in health insurance and referrals to local medical and service providers; and
- WHEREAS, every year the clinic serves approximately 500 patients from 44 towns and provides over 2,000 patient interactions, 1,000 medical visits, 200 dental hygiene visits, and 150 mental health visits; and
- WHEREAS, in 2018, 105 patients were assisted with Vermont Health Connect, You First, and financial assistance and voucher program enrollment; and
- WHEREAS, over 60 medical providers, healthcare professionals, and administrative supports volunteer their time and expertise, who, in 2018, provided over \$95,000 worth of their time serving People's Health and Wellness patients; and
- WHEREAS, in 2019, People's Health and Wellness Clinic celebrates its 25th year of bridging the gap for Vermonters struggling in navigating their healthcare needs, meeting the healthcare needs of uninsured and underinsured Vermonters and advocation for healthcare reform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim November 16th, 2019, as People's Health and Wellness Clinic Day in the City of Barre in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and in celebration of their robust volunteer roster, generous community donors and encourage residents to recognize their commitment and efforts for our residents and neighbors.

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Lucas J. Herring, Mayor