



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: In rural communities across Minnesota, people work together to benefit the community; and
- WHEREAS: Rural Minnesota's health professionals, hospitals, and clinics are dedicated to delivering high-quality and community-centered care to all Minnesotans, as seen by their response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- WHEREAS: Rural hospitals and health systems are often major employers and economic drivers of rural communities and regions; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency medical services are vital in rural Minnesota because time-critical lifesaving care is needed across wide regions with limited access to definitive critical care; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting the health care needs of Minnesota's rural citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic, and every day, requires commitment, innovation, and resourcefulness that reach across and beyond geographic boundaries or demographic challenges; and
- WHEREAS: National Rural Health Day will be celebrated throughout the United States on Thursday, November 19, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15-21, 2020, as:

## RURAL HEALTH WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Filed on November 18, 2020  
Office of the Minnesota  
Secretary of State,  
Steve Simon