WHEREAS: Rural health professionals, hospitals, and clinics in Greater Minnesota are dedicated to delivering high-quality and community-centered care to all Minnesotans; 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 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 November 21, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 21, 2019, as:

RURAL HEALTH DAY

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 6th day of November.

[Signature]

GOVERNOR

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE