



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Rural health professionals, hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities in Greater Minnesota are dedicated to delivering high-quality, community-based care to all; and
- WHEREAS: Rural hospitals and health systems are often major employers and economic drivers of rural communities and regions; and
- WHEREAS: COVID-19 has taken a toll on health care workers throughout the state and on rural providers specifically, leading to significant burnout as these dedicated professionals worked to protect Minnesotans during the global pandemic; and
- WHEREAS: Public and private sectors are working in partnership to build, support, and maintain a robust health care system and a vibrant environment for health care professionals serving Minnesota's rural and underserved populations; and
- WHEREAS: Renewed focus on emergency medical services is vital to ensuring time-critical, lifesaving care across wide regions of rural Minnesota; 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 Thursday, November 17, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2022, 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 3rd day of November.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE