

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the main goal of rural healthcare has always been to provide affordable and holistic primary care within a prevention-based system of healthcare; and,

WHEREAS, rural hospitals and health systems are often the largest employers in their communities; and,

WHEREAS, the healthcare needs of rural residents are as unique as the communities in which they live and cannot be addressed by utilizing a "one size fits all" approach; and,

WHEREAS, addressing transportation, workforce, infrastructure, telecommunication, and geographic barriers is necessary to ensure all rural providers can adequately meet the basic healthcare needs of those they serve; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Public Health, Center for Rural Health, the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, and other rural stakeholders provide services and resources to foster relationships that help rural communities address their unique healthcare needs; and,

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021, to be **Illinois Rural Health Day** in honor of National Rural Health Day, and encourage Illinois residents to celebrate the unique contributions and selflessness of our rural healthcare providers.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and THIRD.



Deese White
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR