



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's rural communities are tight-knit places where people know each other and work together; and
- WHEREAS: Rural hospitals and health systems are often the largest employers and the economic foundation of rural communities and regions; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting the unique health care needs of Minnesota's rural residents requires innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographic boundaries and demographic challenges; and
- WHEREAS: Rural Minnesota's health professionals, hospitals, and clinics are dedicated to delivering high-quality and innovative care to underserved Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Emergency medical services are crucial in rural Minnesota because time-critical, lifesaving care is needed across wide geographies and sparse populations with limited access to definitive critical care; and
- WHEREAS: On Thursday, November 19, 2015, National Rural Health Day will be celebrated throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2016, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE