

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS:** Rural communities in Oregon and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – places where people know each other and work together to benefit their communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Meeting the unique healthcare needs of rural citizens is constantly evolving as residents face accessibility issues, provider shortages, and a growing aging and underinsured population; and

**WHEREAS:** Rural hospitals and clinics are a sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond boundaries to deliver quality care and are the economic foundation of their communities; and

**WHEREAS:** Being a rural healthcare provider is a tremendous opportunity to offer comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 16, 2017** to be

**NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 5, 2017.



Kate Brown, Governor

Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State