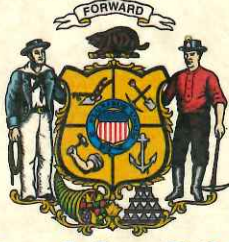


STATE of WISCONSIN



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Proclamation

WHEREAS; rural communities are a vital component of Wisconsin's history, and our present-day culture and economy; and

WHEREAS; every year, millions of Wisconsin citizens and out-of-state visitors travel to our state's rural communities for business and recreation; and

WHEREAS; addressing the health-care needs of Wisconsin's rural residents and those who are visiting can be a challenge due to the shortage of health-care providers in many rural communities, and

WHEREAS; rural emergency medical service, hospital, and clinic staff are meeting this challenge and are providing high quality care while often being the economic heart of their communities; and

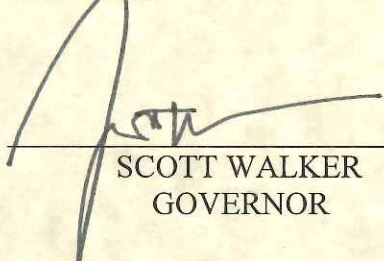
WHEREAS; Wisconsin has benefited from the dedication of many statewide groups such as the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, the Wisconsin Hospital Association, the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, the Wisconsin Medical Society, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and the Medical College of Wisconsin which support local rural health-care providers through their advocacy and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 16, 2017 as

RURAL HEALTH DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of October 2017.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State