



Proclamation

WHEREAS, rural communities in Colorado and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other and work together to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, rural America is an economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and

WHEREAS, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique and evolving healthcare needs of rural Coloradans requires constant attention, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers and an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where only 20 percent of the nation's population lives but where the majority of trauma deaths occur; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals – in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care – also typically make critical contributions to the economic foundation of their communities; and

WHEREAS, being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Rural Health Center plays a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the state of Colorado, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021 as

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

in the state of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the state of Colorado, this eighteenth day of November, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Jared Polis
Governor*