



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, rural communities in Colorado and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work; and*

*WHEREAS, rural communities face unique challenges in accessing health care services, including accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population managing a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured residents; and*

*WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America; and*

*WHEREAS, rural hospitals innovate to deliver quality care and are often the economic foundation of rural communities; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the Colorado Rural Health Center plays a distinct and critical role in leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of rural Coloradans;*

*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis Governor of Colorado, proclaim November 17, 2022 as,*

*National Rural Health Day*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this seventeenth day of November, 2022*



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

Jared Polis  
Governor