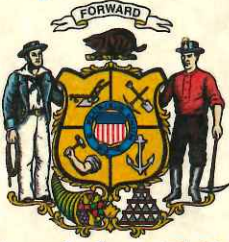


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, rural communities are the heart and soul of Wisconsin, fueled by the creative energy of their leaders – ordinary people willing to step forward, share and implement a vision, and drive change that benefits all of rural Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, rural communities are places where residents know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, health care, like so many other things in rural Wisconsin, focuses on relationships – health care providers get to know the people they care for and have the opportunity to practice more patient-centered medicine; and

WHEREAS, the main emphasis of rural health care has always been on providing affordable primary care – a less expensive model for the rest of the country to follow as America transitions to patient-outcomes focused care; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals, clinics, and health systems work tirelessly for their communities and are often the economic foundation and largest employers in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the health care needs of rural citizens are as unique as the communities in which they live and cannot be addressed by utilizing a “one size fits all” approach; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has benefitted 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 UW-School of Medicine and Public Health, and the Medical College of Wisconsin which support local rural health providers through their advocacy and service;

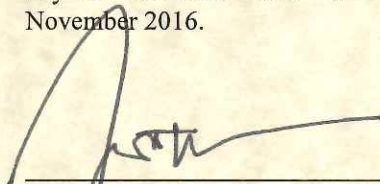
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 17, 2016 as

RURAL HEALTH DAY

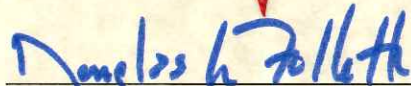
throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 2nd day of November 2016.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State