

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s rural communities are core to the state’s culture, heritage, and economy, serving as hubs of agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s rural healthcare systems are composed of thousands of healthcare professionals and providers working in rural hospitals, clinics, and emergency medical service agencies, and while rural healthcare systems often face challenges—like recruiting and retaining specialty healthcare providers or operating in remote and underserved areas—these providers continue to rise to the occasion to meet the needs of the communities they serve and save lives by providing high-quality care; and

WHEREAS; building a high-quality, affordable healthcare system that works for every Wisconsinite remains a top priority of the state, and rural healthcare workers play an essential role in actualizing this vision; and

WHEREAS; the state recognizes the highly trained professionals and skilled workers who make up Wisconsin’s rural healthcare system for their resourcefulness, resilience, and commitment to patient care and the delivery of essential healthcare services in rural communities and across the state’s entire healthcare system; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins its healthcare partner organizations in celebrating the individuals, institutions, and programs that work to overcome the unique challenges of delivering rural health services and in expressing gratitude for the remarkable work performed by these healthcare providers, whose efforts contribute significantly to the health, vitality, and resilience of rural areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 16 2023 as

**WISCONSIN RURAL HEALTH DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

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 20th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State