STATE of WISCONSIN

OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS: rural communities have been an integral part of our state’s economy and heritage since its founding, establishing Wisconsin as a leader in agriculture, tourism, and industry; and

WHEREAS: in 2017, nearly 1.5 million Wisconsinites, or approximately 26 percent of our state’s population, lived in rural counties; and

WHEREAS: every hospital, clinic, and healthcare professional plays a vital role in ensuring the health and well-being of Wisconsinites throughout our state, especially in rural communities where access to healthcare can be limited; and

WHEREAS: rural healthcare systems and healthcare professionals consistently overcome significant challenges in providing high-quality healthcare to rural residents, like recruiting and retaining healthcare providers, ensuring access to mental healthcare and specialty health services, and long drive times to emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin has benefitted from the hard work and dedication of many statewide groups, organizations, and coalitions that work each day to support local rural healthcare providers and patients through their advocacy and service; and

WHEREAS: the state of Wisconsin joins patients and practitioners in communities across our state to celebrate the individuals, institutions, and programs that work to overcome the unique challenges of delivering rural health services each and every day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2019, as

WISCONSIN RURAL HEALTH DAY

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all 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 28th day of October 2019.

[Signature]

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State