



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RURAL HEALTH DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina has many rural communities that represent the rich and diverse backgrounds of the people of our state; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address the needs of North Carolinians in rural communities are constantly evolving in response to the challenges of rural health care; rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of health care providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured individuals; and

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

WHEREAS, being a rural health care provider offers tremendous opportunities to deliver more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered, and holistic care to patients, in collaboration with rural hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the rural health care system serves as an economic foundation for these communities; and

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the Office of Rural Health within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Rural Health, and other interested agencies and organizations in recognizing the unique health care needs and opportunities that exist in rural communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2018, as “**RURAL HEALTH DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.