



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, rural communities in Tennessee are wonderful places to live and work; they are places where people know each other, listen to and respect each other and work together to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique health care needs of these residents is constantly evolving as rural communities account for 93% of our state; and

WHEREAS, addressing health care needs and delivering medical services in rural areas can be particularly challenging and it is an important priority to support these vital resources; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and hospitals in our rural communities offer comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and critical role to modernize the delivery of care in our rural communities for the overall well-being of Tennessee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2019 as

Rural Health Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this sixth day of November, 2019.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Hargrett

Secretary of State