



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of all people in Minnesota, no matter where they live, is essential to our state’s shared prosperity; and
- WHEREAS: Rural communities often face unique challenges, including limited access to health care services, shortages of health care professionals, transportation barriers, an aging population with higher rates of chronic conditions, and a greater proportion of uninsured and underinsured residents; and
- WHEREAS: Rural communities, including Tribal communities, demonstrate resilience, resourcefulness, and innovation—meeting challenges with creativity, collaboration, and a deep sense of care for their neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: Rural hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, and emergency medical services are vital not only to the health of Minnesotans but also to the economic stability and social well-being of the regions they serve; and
- WHEREAS: People and organizations across sectors are working in partnership to build, support, and sustain a robust, equitable health care system that attracts, trains, and retains skilled health care professionals serving rural communities; and
- WHEREAS: Meeting the health needs of Minnesota’s rural residents requires continued commitment, innovation, and collaboration that reach across and beyond geographic, demographic, and financial boundaries to ensure health equity for all; and
- WHEREAS: Rural Health Day provides an opportunity to recognize the essential contributions of rural communities and their health systems, and to celebrate the partnerships that advance access, equity, and wellness across Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 20, 2025, as:

RURAL HEALTH DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12th day of November.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE