



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, rural communities in Alabama, and throughout the United States, 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, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative and community-minded spirit; and*

*WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving; and*

*WHEREAS, while only 20 percent of the nation's population lives in rural America, the majority of trauma deaths in the nation occur in these communities, making ambulatory and emergency medical services especially critical; and*

*WHEREAS, rural hospitals, in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care, are also the economic foundation of their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Alabama Office of Primary Care and Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2022, as*

# National Rural Health Day

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.*

*Kay Ivey*

Kay Ivey, Governor