

## **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 America is a great place for dedicated health professionals to deliver essential health services and provide comprehensive, individualized care; and

WHEREAS, National Rural Health Day, founded by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and celebrated annually on the third Thursday of November, serves as a reminder of the unique needs and opportunities that rural communities face in accessing quality healthcare services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2024, 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  $10^{th}$  day of October 2024.

Kay Ivey, Governor