



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, rural communities in New Mexico and throughout the United States are great places to live, work and volunteer; and

WHEREAS, nearly 61 million people (19.7% of the population) and 86% of the country's land area are considered rural; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our citizens are of utmost importance to our great state; and

WHEREAS, rural communities often face accessibility issues, healthcare provider shortages, transportation barriers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, rural communities are resilient, resourceful, innovative, and collaborative, addressing local challenges with creative solutions; 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 (NOSORH) 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; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and supports the "Power of Rural" and recognizes the vital contributions and achievements of healthcare providers, organizations, and other stakeholders serving rural areas which improve rural healthcare access by addressing health disparities, and strengthening rural healthcare systems.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 16th, 2023, as:

"National Rural Health Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:


Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
3rd day of November 2023.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.




Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor