

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** RURAL HEALTH DAY ***

WHEREAS, rural communities are the heart and soul of Arizona and the United States; and

WHEREAS, these communities are fueled by the creative energy of their leaders ordinary people willing to step forward, share and implement a vision, and drive change that benefits everyone; and

WHEREAS, they are communities where people know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, these communities have rich histories of resourcefulness, creativity and ingenuity that have helped the United States become the global economic leader it is today; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals and rural clinics are often the economic foundation of these communities in addition to being their primary providers of care; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of these communities is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Rural Health Association in partnership with the Center for Rural Health, formerly the Rural Health Office, at the University of Arizona, play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to help rural communities address their unique healthcare needs; and

WHEREAS, National Rural Health Day will be celebrated throughout America on November 20, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2014 as

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and, I further encourage citizens to recognize the unique contributions and selfless, "can do" attitudes of our rural communities, the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in these communities, and the Arizona Rural Health Association and the Center for Rural Health for the valuable representation and support it provides to rural people and rural services that address the needs and opportunities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twelfth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blum

Secretary of State