

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, fueled by the creative energy of ordinary people willing to step forward, share and implement a vision, and drive change that benefits everyone, rural communities are places where residents know, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good; and

WHEREAS, the focus of rural health care is providing affordable, holistic, and personalized primary care for citizens who are as unique as the communities in which they live rather than utilizing a "one size fits all" approach; and

WHEREAS, addressing transportation, infrastructure, and telecommunication needs and overcoming geographic barriers are necessary to help ensure that rural safety net providers can adequately meet the basic healthcare needs of the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals and health systems are often the economic foundation and largest employers of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Rural Health Day helps raise awareness of the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in these communities and recognizes the contributions of the individuals, healthcare providers, agencies, and organizations throughout the Palmetto State that provide valuable services to address those needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2016, as

### RURAL HEALTH DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to help ensure access, quality, and equity in rural health services.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA