

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
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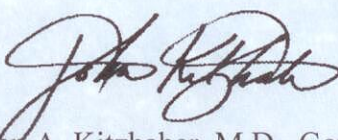
- WHEREAS:** Rural communities in Oregon and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and
- WHEREAS:** Meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens 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 un- and underinsured citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to provide more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients.
- NOW,**
THEREFORE: I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 17, 2011** to be

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY IN OREGON

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 26, 2011.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State