

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Over thirty percent of Oregon's population lives in rural and remote communities and are the backbone to of Oregon's agricultural, fishing, and timber industry; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's rural communities are wonderful places to live and work places of economic innovation, creativity and opportunity; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural Oregon plays an integral part in transforming our health care system to meet the needs of our population, increasing quality standards, accessibility, and addressing social determinants of health; and
- WHEREAS:** Being a rural healthcare provider is a tremendous opportunity to offer comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon's rural youth are well placed to be our future rural public health and health care providers with the support of our local education and health care communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Rural clinics, hospitals and providers will continue to be a source of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond boundaries to deliver quality care, and are the economic foundation of their communities.

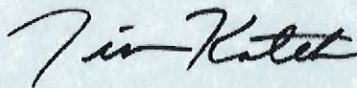
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 21, 2024** to be

OREGON RURAL HEALTH DAY

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, November 7, 2024.



Tina Kotek, Governor



LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Secretary of State

