



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey Rural Communities represents approximately 900,000 rural residents who face unique healthcare challenges, aging populations, high rates of chronic diseases, substance use, transportation issues, and other social determinants of health; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey Rural Communities are a place where people from all walks of life come together to listen, respect, and help each other overcome the health and social concerns within the rural communities, and collaborate with partners to focus on each rural community's infrastructure, resources and environment; and*

WHEREAS, *New Jersey Rural Communities have committed healthcare providers, hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and organizations that come together to provide resources, and quality, comprehensive, compassionate, and patient-centered care; and*

WHEREAS, *"Rural Health Week 2023" is a statewide event from November 13 through November 17, 2023, with the theme; "Power of Rural," honoring the selfless, community-minded, and determined spirit that prevails in rural America and bringing to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural New Jerseyans face and showcasing the efforts of rural healthcare providers and stakeholders to address those challenges;" and*

WHEREAS, *the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health within the New Jersey Department of Health, the New Jersey Rural Health Advisory Council, and the Migrant Coalition are proud to recognize the innovation, quality of care, collaboration, and dedication of our rural partners and stakeholders;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

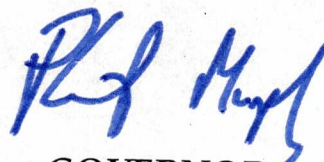
NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 2023
AS
RURAL HEALTH WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-third day of October in the year two thousand twenty-three, the two hundred forty-eighth year of the Independence of the United States


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