

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, rural communities are the heart and soul of Wisconsin, and are fueled by the creative energy of their leaders who share, implement, and drive change that benefits all of rural Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*, rural communities are places where residents know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good; and

*WHEREAS*, the main emphasis of rural health care has always been providing affordable primary care that can be used as a model for the country as we transition to patient-outcome-focused care; and

*WHEREAS*, rural hospitals, clinics, and health systems work tirelessly for their communities, and are often the economic foundation and the largest employers in their communities; and

*WHEREAS*, Wisconsin has benefited from the dedication of many statewide groups such as the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health, the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative, the Wisconsin Hospital Association, the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association, the Wisconsin Medical Society, the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, and the Medical College of Wisconsin which support rural health care providers through their advocacy and service;

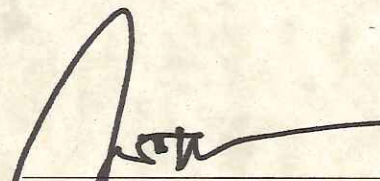
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 21, 2013, as

## RURAL HEALTH DAY

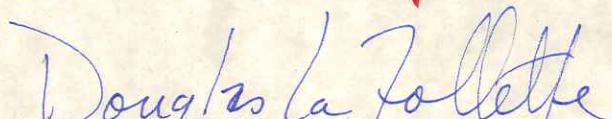
throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS/LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State