

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*  
**NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** *Rural communities in Maryland and throughout the United States are great places to live, work and volunteer; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Nearly 61 million people and 86% of the country's land area are considered rural; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The health and well-being of our citizens are of utmost importance to our great state; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Rural communities often face accessibility issues, healthcare provider shortages, transportation barriers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Rural communities are resilient, resourceful, innovative, and collaborative, addressing local challenges with creative solutions; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Rural America is a great place for dedicated health professionals to deliver essential health services and provide comprehensive, individualized care; and*
- WHEREAS,** *National Rural Health Day, founded by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health and celebrated annually on the third Thursday in November, serves as a reminder of the unique needs and opportunities that rural communities face in accessing quality healthcare services; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 21, 2024 as NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November  
Two Thousand and twenty-four

*Wes Moore*  
Governor

*Oruna Miller*

Lt. Governor

*Susan C. Lee*

Secretary of State