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National Organization of State Office of Rural Health
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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize November 19, 2015 as “National Rural Health Day” in the State of Montana.

I appreciate the hard work of the Montana Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health for actively raising awareness about healthcare needs and options in rural communities. Providing care for those living in Montana’s rural communities is essential to ensuring the health of all Montanans. Rural hospitals and providers are often critical to the both the physical and economic health of Montana communities.

All Montanans should have access to the healthcare they need—regardless of location—so they can lead healthy, productive lives. That’s why the work of the Montana Office of Rural Health is so important.

It’s also why I worked with leaders of both parties to expand the WWAMII Medical Education Program, which makes public medical education accessible to Montana students and encourages them to come back and serve in rural areas. And why I won’t give up until we accept the federal dollars owed to Montana to expand health care coverage for low-income workers. Nothing could be more important for the health of rural hospitals, providers and patients in Montana.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize our rural communities and acknowledge November 19, 2015 as “National Rural Health Day” in the State of Montana.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor