

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Oregon's rural communities are wonderful places to live and work – places of economic innovation and creativity; and

WHEREAS: Rural Oregon plays an integral part in transforming our health care system to meet the needs of our population, expanding insurance coverage, accessibility and addressing social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS: Oregon's rural hospitals, clinics and providers have risen to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic with courage, creativity, and extraordinary dedication to their communities, while facing difficult financial challenges; and

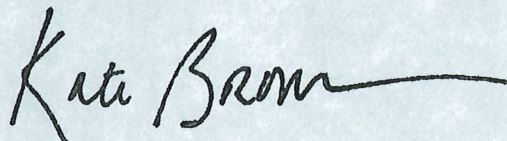
WHEREAS: Rural clinics, hospitals and providers will continue to be a source of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond boundaries to deliver quality care, and are the economic foundation of their communities.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 2020** to be

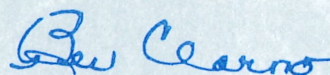
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in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

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, July 27, 2020.



Kate Brown, Governor



Bev Clarno, Secretary of State

