

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Rural communities in Kentucky are wonderful places to live and work with citizens who possess a selfless, creative and community-minded spirit; and

WHEREAS, Rural communities reflect a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where twenty percent of the nation's population lives but nearly sixty percent of all trauma deaths occur; and

WHEREAS, Rural hospitals are a source of innovation and resourcefulness that reaches beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care; and

WHEREAS, The University of Kentucky Center for Excellence in Rural Health, the designated Kentucky Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play distinct and critical roles by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens;

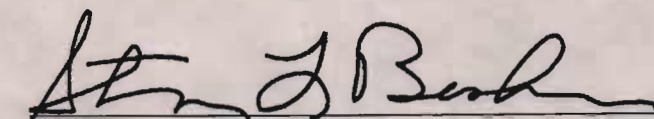
NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2011, as

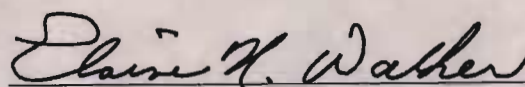
KENTUCKY RURAL HEALTH DAY

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 27th day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Elaine N. Walker
Secretary of State