



TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

County Courthouse, Room 101 / Woodville, Texas

Monday, November 13, 2017

Martin Nash
Commissioner, Pct. 1

Rusty Hughes
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Jacques L. Blanchette
County Judge

Mike Marshall
Commissioner, Pct. 3

Jack Walston
Commissioner, Pct. 4

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF TYLER

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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

WHEREAS, rural communities in Woodville, Texas and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other and work together to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and

WHEREAS, rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20 percent of the nation's population lives but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals – in addition to being sources of innovation and resourcefulness that reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care – are also typically the economic foundation of their communities, with every dollar spent generating about \$2.20 for the local economy; and

WHEREAS, being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, *we, the Commissioners Court of Tyler County, Texas, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017, to be National Rural Health Day in Tyler County, and encourage citizens to honor our rural communities as wonderful places to live and work; and*

FURTHER, *we encourage citizens to recognize the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in those communities, and recognize Tyler County Hospital, the Texas Office of Rural Health, and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health for the valuable services they provide to address those needs and opportunities.*

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017 by the Tyler County Commissioners Court.

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James (Rusty) Hughes
Commissioner, Pct. 2

Mike Marshall
Commissioner, Pct. 3

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ATTEST: _____
Donece Gregory, County Clerk