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Rural communities - and the people that call them home - are the heart and soul of America. These are communities where people know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together for the greater good. They are communities fueled by the creative energy of their leaders - ordinary individuals who are willing to step forward, share their vision, and drive changes that benefit their neighbors.

But rural communities also face daily challenges keeping our heart "healthy." Today more than ever, rural communities must confront 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. Rural health professionals, hospitals, clinics and emergency medical services, which ensure a response to critical situations on rural highways and homes struggle daily to recruit volunteers, keep up with changing environment of health care, and overcome fiscal hurdles that inhibit their ability to respond to the needs of their communities.

That is why we encourage you to join NOSORH and all 50 State Offices of Rural Health for our sixth annual National Rural Health Day on November 17, 2016. National Rural Health Day provides an opportunity to honor the selfless, community-minded, spirit that prevails in rural America. It also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face - and showcase the efforts of the State Offices of Rural Health who are celebrating 25 years of funding from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy!

NOSORH, SORHs and others are planning a host of events for November 17, but we'd love to see more EMS recognition on that day! Please visit our website or contact (Matt Strycker 574-855-4671 stryckerm@nosorh.org or Ashley Muninger 620-481-9797 ashleym@nosorh.org) to learn how you can help spread the word and/or plan your own National Rural Health Day celebration!

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