



Proclamation

Presented this 24th day of February 2020

WHEREAS, Rural Partners, is a member-driven, not-for-profit organization that was created in 1989 and formally incorporated within the state of Illinois in 1993 for the purpose of connecting individuals, businesses, organizations and communities with public and private resources to maximize the potential of rural Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, Rural Partners is a nonpartisan organization open to all with member representation from federal, state and local government, the private sector and non-profit groups to collaboratively advance the growth and economic vitality of rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, Rural Partners has successfully encouraged and created such public and private sector collaboration to empower and build the capacity of the state and its rural communities by designing flexible and innovative responses to local community and economic development initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Rural Partners has sponsored, supported, contributed to and provided leadership to rural economic development conferences, rural life polls, community visioning programs, strategic planning, research, publication of technical assistance documents and one-on-one guidance and support for a variety of community endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, Rural Partners acknowledges and thanks its dues paying members and the generous time and participation of state and federal officials and personnel for enabling it to vigorously pursue its mission and support said rural initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, reauthorization of the 2018 Farm Bill once again recognized Rural Partners as the state rural development council in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, because Rural Partners is an active and contributing member of Partners for Rural America and provides input on federal rural development legislation, policies and programs, the interests of rural Illinois residents are more effectively represented and the state of Illinois benefits by the knowledge that Rural Partners continuously shares about successful rural initiatives occurring throughout the nation;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim Rural Partners is a valued contributor to this state's efforts to grow local economies, create jobs and improve the quality of life for all residents and recognize Rural Partners as one of the state's leading community and economic development organizations.




JB Pritzker
Governor, State of Illinois