



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect adolescents against dangerous and often deadly diseases such as meningitis, cancer, hepatitis, and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, adolescent vaccinations also help protect families, friends, and entire communities from the spread of preventable disease; and

WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease in North Carolina occurs among adolescents, and particularly those living in socially vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, adolescents who have not obtained the required vaccinations for their age on the first day of school may be excluded from participating in certain activities until they are up to date; and

WHEREAS, an adolescents' pediatrician or health care professional has the knowledge and expertise to provide guidance as to what vaccinations are due during routine health care visits; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Adolescent Immunization Awareness Month is intended to increase public knowledge, acceptance and use of vaccines to better protect the health of North Carolina's youth; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents and health care providers are encouraged to learn more about the threat, medical implications, and prevention of adolescent vaccine preventable diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2021, as "**ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.