



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is intended to highlight the importance of continuing to fight against infectious diseases through the use of vaccines; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) declared vaccines to be one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the continued immunization efforts of public health systems and institutions as well as parents, families, doctors, and other health care professionals have significantly reduced the threat of many infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, people need to receive immunizations throughout their lives; pregnant women in particular need to make sure they receive all the necessary vaccines to protect their own health and the health of their infants, who are especially vulnerable during the first few months of life; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are demonstrated to be an extremely safe method of preventing disease, as they are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored to ensure safety; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are also a cost-effective way to prevent disease, as they not only protect individuals but also entire communities by reducing and preventing the spread of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people and communities throughout our state to raise awareness of the important role vaccines play in preventing serious diseases across the lifespan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2018, as “**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-fourth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.