



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Immunization Awareness Month highlights the importance of fighting against infectious diseases through the use of vaccines; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) declared vaccines to be one of the ten great public health accomplishments of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 as well as the health of their infants, who are especially vulnerable during the first few months of life; and

**WHEREAS**, vaccines are demonstrated to be an exceptionally 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 protect not only individuals but 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, 2019, 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 first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third.