



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable illnesses including measles, tetanus, polio and COVID-19 pose a health risk to people of all ages, so it is important that all North Carolinians remain up-to-date with their routine vaccinations for their individual and community health; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is a federally recognized observance that highlights the importance of fighting against infectious diseases using vaccines, which the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention declared as one of the Top Ten Health Accomplishments of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are continually proven to be safe and effective for the vast majority of people; and

WHEREAS, the continued engagement of health care providers, community-based organizations, local health institutions, long-term care facilities, and educational institutions significantly impacts vaccine uptake among people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are a highly cost-effective way to prevent disease and severe disease outcomes, protecting individuals' quality of life and reducing community spread of infectious diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2023, 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 twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.