

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommend safe and effective immunizations for adolescents through 18 years of age against several different vaccine-preventable diseases, including influenza, tetanus, diphtheria, shingles, Hep B, RSV, pertussis (whooping cough), human papillomavirus (HPV), and meningococcal disease (meningitis); and
- WHEREAS, ensuring that the people of Iowa are protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases is more important than ever before; and
- WHEREAS, most routine vaccination rates in Iowans have continued to remain below recommended levels, placing Iowans at higher risk of illness or poor health outcomes in the future; and
- WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease in Iowa affects people of all cultures, races, ethnicities, and societal groups; and
- WHEREAS, observing Immunization Awareness Month is intended to help boost immunization coverage, increase public knowledge, acceptance, and use of vaccines to Iowans against serious life-threatening diseases; and
- WHEREAS, Iowa residents and health care providers are encouraged to learn more about the threat, medical implications, and prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim August 2024 as:

Immunization Awareness Month



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES
THIS 1st DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LODD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.

KIM KEYNOLDS GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATE

SECRETARY OF STATE