



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, vaccination is proven to be one of the most successful public health interventions by preventing countless cases of disease and disability and saving millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, vaccines not only provide individual protection for those persons who are vaccinated, they can also provide community protection by reducing the spread of disease within a population;

WHEREAS, childhood vaccines protect against serious diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), hepatitis B, varicella (chickenpox) and pneumococcal disease, thereby reducing the spread of disease to others in classrooms, childcare centers, and communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone six months of age and older is recommended to receive a yearly flu vaccine; and

WHEREAS, everyone six months of age and older is recommended to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, preteens and teens are recommended to receive vaccines to protect against meningitis, whooping cough; and cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV); and

WHEREAS, vaccines are important to protect adults from diseases such as shingles and pneumonia and help prevent the worsening of chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, older adults and babies need protection from respiratory syncytial virus (RSV); and

WHEREAS, it is critical for New Jerseyans to maintain routine immunizations to protect individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

**AUGUST 2024
AS
IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH**

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the New Jersey, on this tenth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-four, the two hundred forty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

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