

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

Infant Immunization Week April 27-May 4

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and around the world, so continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases like pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can—and do—return; and

WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate children on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, National Infant Immunization Week has encouraged parents, caregivers, and health care professionals to participate in educational, recognition, and media events to increase the awareness of the importance of immunizing children before their second birthday; and

WHEREAS, the 25th National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO). For this event, all six WHO regions, including more than 180 Member States, territories, and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 27-May 4, 2019, has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children should be protected against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by the age of two.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Health hereby proclaims **April 27-May 4, 2019 as Infant Immunization Week** in Thurston County and encourages parents to make vaccinating their children a priority and to talk to family and friends about protecting their children with vaccines. We also encourage businesses, government agencies, community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the immunization message throughout our communities.

Adopted this ninth day of April, 2019

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