



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Vaccines are among the world's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing serious illness and death from diseases such as polio that once posed a threat to earlier generations; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has recently experienced vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks, such as measles, because misinformation has led some families to delay or refuse immunizations leaving their children at risk for vaccine-preventable disease; and

WHEREAS: Having a well-immunized population protects everyone in Minnesota, especially those who may not be able to receive immunizations for reasons including age or medical conditions; and

WHEREAS: Health care professionals, parents, guardians, and caregivers protect children's health by ensuring timely immunizations against 16 serious diseases, starting with prenatal vaccines and continuing through well-child visits; and

WHEREAS: Immunization helps children stay healthy so they can learn and thrive in their communities, especially when attending child care, school, and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS: The Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians, the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Minnesota Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, the Minnesota Medical Association, the Minnesota Public Health Association, the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota, the Minnesota Department of Health, and other medical, public health, and government organizations have deemed infant immunizations vital to the health of all children in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Maintaining public awareness of the benefits of vaccines is crucial to protecting public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 21-28, 2025, as:

INFANT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of April.




GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE