



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, ensuring that routine vaccination is maintained is essential for protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, providers are trusted voices for Tennesseans as they work to understand personal risks and get the facts; and

WHEREAS, contacting your primary care provider to make a plan to close in gaps in care including routine well check visits will assist in identifying routine vaccination needs; and

WHEREAS, young children are particularly vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases until they can be fully immunized; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important for adults to keep vaccinations up to date as adults are at risk for different diseases as immunity lessen over time; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues in impact the health and wellbeing of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that vaccines have prevented 6 million deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases annually; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are demonstrated to be an exceptionally safe method to prevent disease, as they are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored to ensure safety, including the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are encouraged to see their provider, ask questions and make a plan for immunizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

Immunization Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this third day of August, 2021.

Bill Lee

Governor

Justin Boyd

Secretary of State