

# State of Iowa

## Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## 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, 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 important; and

**WHEREAS,** most routine vaccination rates in Iowans have continued to remain below pre-pandemic levels, which, coupled with the simultaneous decrease in catch-up vaccinations, is 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 2023, as:

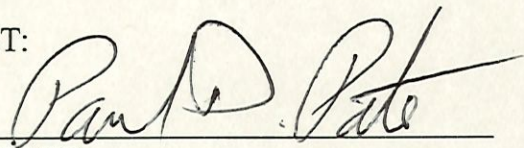
## Immunization Awareness Month



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 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

  
PAUL PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE