

WHEREAS; vaccines drastically reduce the spread of many infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening diseases – including smallpox, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, chickenpox, shingles, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, whooping cough, meningitis, and rubella – that were once endemic; and

WHEREAS; the World Health Organization estimates that vaccines prevented at least 10 million deaths between 2010 and 2015, and protected many millions more from illness; and

WHEREAS; scientific and medical communities overwhelmingly agree that vaccines are effective, safe, and instrumental in protecting folks from contracting preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS; the worldwide race towards a vaccine for COVID-19 serves as a contemporary reminder of how important immunizations are to public health; and

WHEREAS; the dissemination of misinformation about vaccine safety poses a significant public health risk, as communities with low vaccination rates compromise the health and livelihood of infants, young children, seniors, individuals with immunodeficiency disorders, and individuals with weakened or compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS; educating folks about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations is key to ensuring public health, safety, and awareness; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the majority of our world’s scientists, medical professionals, and experts in encouraging regular vaccinations and sharing truthful, science-informed information about immunization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 2020 as

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of July 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State