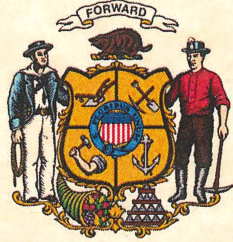


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; vaccines have drastically reduced the spread of infectious, debilitating, and potentially life-threatening diseases, including smallpox, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, chickenpox, shingles, influenza, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, pneumococcal disease, rotavirus, pertussis (also known as “whooping cough”), meningitis, and rubella; and

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

*WHEREAS*; scientific and medical communities overwhelmingly agree that vaccines are effective, safe, and instrumental in preventing the contraction of vaccine-preventable diseases; 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 the public about the importance of immunization and routine vaccinations is paramount to ensuring public safety and awareness; and

*WHEREAS*; encouraging regular vaccinations and sharing truthful, science-informed information about immunization helps to safeguard the health and well-being of our communities and protects the people of Wisconsin from contracting and spreading vaccine-preventable diseases;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2019 as

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State