

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 103

February 11, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, HARRIS DODD, MILLER and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, HINTZ, JORGENSEN, SPREITZER and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming August 2016 as National Immunization Awareness
2	Month.
3	Whereas, immunizations have been a critical part of our history. By drastically
4	decreasing the number of people affected by measles, varicella, HPV, hepatitis A,
5	hepatitis B, HIB, mumps, meningococcal, polio, rubella, smallpox, yellow fever, and
6	many more, immunizations have shaped the way our society has been able to thrive
7	and exist; and
8	Whereas, August is designated as Immunization Awareness Month, providing
9	an opportunity to reflect on the value of immunization, become educated about the
10	many different types of vaccines, and encourage everyone to become vaccinated to
11	protect their health; and
12	Whereas, although immunizations are an incredible tool for combatting
13	infectious disease, 113 countries have higher measles immunization rates than the
14	U.S. for one-year-olds and many in rural areas do not have access to these
15	life-saving drugs; and

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1	Whereas, while many people have been vaccinated, there are still many who do
2	not have the proper immunizations. August is a time to emphasize the importance
3	of everyone from infants to the elderly receiving immunizations and provide the
4	steps needed to get them; and
5	Whereas, immunizations protect the community-at-large by limiting the
6	spread of disease among those who are too young or otherwise unable to receive
7	immunizations. When only a small percentage of the population is vaccinated, the
8	risk of a disease outbreak is greater than if many are vaccinated; and
9	Whereas, August is a period for educators, schools, health care professionals,
10	and other members of the community to come together and educate others about the
11	importance of immunizations; now, therefore, be it
12	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature
13	hereby proclaims August 2016 as National Immunization Awareness Month.
14	(END)