



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 103

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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

