

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable illnesses still pose a health risk to people of all ages, it is more important than ever to ensure all in the community are protected from vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month highlights the importance of fighting against infectious diseases using vaccines, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared one of the top ten public health accomplishments of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, the continued immunization efforts of parents, families, health care providers, public health systems, institutions, and others has significantly reduced the threat of many infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, people need to receive immunizations throughout their lives for healthy individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, pregnant women in particular need to make sure they receive all the necessary vaccines to protect their own health as well as the health of their infants, because vaccination can protect babies up to six months after birth while they are too young to receive vaccines themselves; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are demonstrated to be a safe method of preventing disease, as they are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored to ensure safety; and

WHEREAS, vaccines are a highly cost-effective way to prevent disease, as they are protecting not only individuals but entire communities by reducing and preventing the spread of infectious diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that August 2023 will be recognized as National Immunization Awareness Month in New Hanover County.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of August, 2023.



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William E. Rivenbark

William E. Rivenbark, Chair

ATTEST:

Kymberleigh G. Crowell

Kymberleigh G. Crowell, Clerk to the Board