



RESOLUTION 2019-04

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AUGUST 2019 AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, vaccines help to protect individuals from contracting communicable diseases, such as measles, hepatitis, mumps, and pertussis, and

WHEREAS, vaccinations help to prevent hospitalizations and deaths, keep children healthy and present in school, and are a vital component to community health; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) identified immunizations as one of the "Ten Great Public Health Achievements in the 20th Century"; and

WHEREAS, vaccinating a high proportion of community members, also called "herd immunity," helps to protect vulnerable community members from vaccine-preventative disease who cannot receive vaccinations themselves due to their age (e.g. babies and seniors), being immunocompromised, or illness (e.g. cancer); and

WHEREAS, in 2017, more than 9,400 Colorado children were treated for vaccine-preventable diseases in a hospital or emergency department at a cost of more than \$55.5 million, and 53% of all hospitalized Colorado children under the age of 5 years were being treated for vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, low vaccination rates in Boulder County make the community at risk for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County Public Health supports State of Colorado policies and regulations that help to improve vaccination rates among Colorado residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOULDER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH OF BOULDER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, BOULDER, COLORADO, THAT AUGUST 2019 SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS "NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN BOULDER COUNTY" IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF VACCINATIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE BOULDER COUNTY RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE CURRENT ON THEIR VACCINATIONS TO HELP PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE AT RISK FOR INFECTION FROM VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2019.

Gregg Thomas, President
Boulder County Board of Health

