WHEREAS, National Immunization Awareness Month serves to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, vaccination has been proven to be one of the most successful public health interventions by preventing countless cases of disease and saving millions of lives; and

WHEREAS, vaccination has been demonstrated as a safe and effective way of preventing serious disease; and

WHEREAS, childhood vaccines protect against serious diseases such as varicella (chickenpox) and measles, reducing the spread of disease to others in classrooms, childcare centers and communities; and

WHEREAS, preteens and teens are recommended to receive vaccines to protect against meningitis, whooping cough and cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV); and

WHEREAS, vaccines are important to protect adults from diseases such as shingles and to help prevent the worsening of chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, everyone six months of age and older is recommended to receive a yearly flu vaccine; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for New Jerseyans to maintain routine immunizations as well as vaccination against COVID-19 to protect individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages you to speak to your healthcare provider to ensure you are up to date on all age-appropriate immunizations because vaccination is the best protection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey do hereby proclaim:

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in New Jersey and encourage all to highlight the importance of immunizations for protecting themselves and others in their community.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-second day of July in the year two thousand twenty-one, the two hundred forty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.

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