State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring that North Carolina's youth are protected from all vaccine-preventable diseases is even more important than ever before; and

WHEREAS, to bolster efforts to better protect our youth from the dangerous and often deadly disease meningitis, beginning August 1, all rising 12th graders in North Carolina will be required to have a second, booster dose of meningococcal conjugant vaccine; and

WHEREAS, the burden of vaccine-preventable disease in North Carolina affects adolescents of all cultures, races, ethnicities, and societal groups; and

WHEREAS, safe and effective vaccines are readily available to protect against disease, disability, and death from vaccine preventable diseases including tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza (Flu), measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, polio, and varicella (chickenpox); and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Adolescent Immunization Awareness Month is intended to increase public knowledge, acceptance, and use of vaccines to protect children, preteens, and teens against serious, life-threatening diseases; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents and health care providers are encouraged to learn more about the threat, medical implications, and prevention of adolescent vaccine preventable diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2020, as **"ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.