

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **A Proclamation Recognizing April 24-30, 2023, as National Infant Immunization Week**

**WHEREAS**, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) highlights the importance of protecting infants and young children from vaccine-preventable diseases; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year, a primary focus is to ensure families stay on track for their children's well-child visits and routinely recommended vaccinations; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 caused many disruptions in families' lives, and, in some cases, it has meant that children have missed or delayed their wellness checkups and vaccinations, which are a critical part of ensuring children stay healthy; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Larimer County Department of Health and Environment all recommend that children stay on track with their well-child appointments and routine vaccinations to provide protection against potentially life-threatening diseases; and,

**WHEREAS**, giving babies the recommended vaccinations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases, like whooping cough (pertussis) and measles; and,

**WHEREAS**, vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death, preventing an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 deaths between 1994 and 2018, alone; and,

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. has a long-standing vaccine safety system that ensures vaccines are as safe as possible and that as new information and science become available, vaccine recommendations are monitored, updated, and improved; and,

**WHEREAS**, trust in vaccines is built through multiple conversations between parents and caretakers, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, NIIW provides an opportunity to encourage vaccine conversations at every level; and,

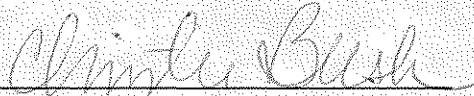
**WHEREAS**, families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH THAT:**

April 24 through April 30, 2023, is recognized as "National Infant Immunization Week" in Larimer County, Colorado.

Done this 20th day of April, 2023, in Fort Collins, Colorado, by the Larimer County Board of Health.

**LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

By:   
Ms Christy Bush, Vice President

ATTEST:   
Tom Gonzales, Secretary