

SAMPLE

Proclamation

2009 National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) / Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA)

Whereas: Vaccines are among the 20th Century's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death.

Whereas: National immunization levels are at or near record highs for most vaccines and most vaccine-preventable diseases have been reduced by 99 percent or more since the introduction of vaccines.

Whereas: Children need a series of vaccinations, starting at birth, to be fully protected against 16 potentially serious diseases.

Whereas: Immunizations are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children against serious diseases.

Whereas: National _____ focuses local and national attention on the importance of timely immunization for infants and toddlers 2 years old and younger.

Whereas: In the _____ years since its inception, National _____ has served as a call to parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to participate in activities and recognition events to increase the awareness of immunizing children before their second birthday.

Whereas: This year, during NIIW, the United States will join with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in support of Vaccination Week in the Americas (VWA) to promote immunization in all countries of the Americas.

Whereas: The _____ of _____ 2009 has been declared National _____ to help ensure that children have all their vaccinations by the age of two.

Whereas: This year, during _____, Texas will focus on _____

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Name) _____, (Title or Office) _____ of (Location) _____, do hereby proclaim the _____ of _____, 2009, as _____ in Texas and encourage businesses, government agencies, national organizations, community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the immunization message throughout their communities. I also encourage public and private health care providers, parents, and children's caregivers in this state to advance the health of children by ensuring early and on-time immunization against preventable childhood diseases.

DATED:

SIGNED: _____
(Title)