## 2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 82

September 5, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives Hintz, Vorpagel, Kolste, L. Myers, Riemer, Anderson, Bowen, Brostoff, Crowley, Doyle, Emerson, Fields, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Kitchens, B. Meyers, Ohnstad, Sinicki, Spreitzer, Stubbs, Tusler, Zamarripa, Neubauer, Gruszynski and Haywood, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, L. Taylor, Larson, Olsen and Ringhand. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: recognizing August as Immunization Awareness Month in Wisconsin.
Whereas, August is National Immunization Awareness Month; and
Whereas, nearly a million students will return to Wisconsin schools at the end of August and beginning of September; and

Whereas, state law requires $\mathrm{K}-12$ students to receive certain immunizations to maintain herd immunity and protect the health of those who are unable to receive those immunizations; and

Whereas, a national measles outbreak impacting 30 states and nearly 1,200 individuals is currently the largest in the United States in over 25 years and since measles was declared eliminated in this country; and

Whereas, the current measles outbreak could have been prevented in certain parts of the country with higher vaccination rates and fewer exemptions; and

Whereas, immunizations are considered to be one of the greatest modern medical discoveries of the past century; and

Whereas, vaccines are estimated to have prevented 26.8 million hospitalizations and 936,000 deaths among children born in the United States between 1994 and 2018; and

Whereas, vaccinations are necessary and safe for the overwhelming majority of people and have been shown to prevent disease across the globe; now therefore it be

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That: the members of the Wisconsin Legislature recognize August 2019 as Immunization Awareness Month in Wisconsin.
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