

State of North Carolina



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ADULT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK and SENIOR VACCINATION SUNDAY

1996

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, thousands of adults in this country are unprotected from diseases such as influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia. More than 2,200 North Carolinians died in 1994 due to complications from influenza and pneumonia, and 90 percent of these persons were 65 or older. Many of these deaths could have been prevented through vaccination; and

WHEREAS, two statewide efforts are being held in North Carolina to reduce the number of health complications and deaths associated with these illnesses by promoting adult immunizations. During National Adult Immunization Awareness Week--October 20-26, 1996--the Division of Maternal and Child Health and Division of Health Promotion are encouraging all immunization providers to work with their communities to vaccinate adults by expanding clinic hours, increasing screenings, and distributing educational and promotional materials; and

WHEREAS, a second event, Senior Vaccination Sunday, is a statewide vaccination effort that will be held on a single day, November 3, 1996. Senior Vaccination Sunday is coordinated by a special interagency task force, the North Carolina Adult Immunization Advisory Committee, which comprises state and local health departments, voluntary organizations, concerned citizens, private medical groups and hospitals. Senior Vaccination Sunday will involve the provision of influenza and pneumonia vaccines to persons 65 and older with Medicare Part B through community-based events; and

WHEREAS, by joining both efforts, agencies, businesses and civic and religious organizations can help protect adults in this state from becoming at risk of death or disability from a vaccine-preventable disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. HUNT JR., Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-26, 1996, as "Adult Immunization Awareness Week" and November 3, 1996, as "Senior Vaccination Sunday" in North Carolina, and call upon the citizens of our state to join me in supporting these efforts to fully immunize our adult population.



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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 second day of August in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twentieth.