

Resolution No. 2013-42

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-27, 2013 AS NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and around the world, so continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone, because when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases like pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can – and do – return; and

WHEREAS, currently, the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history, and most parents vaccinate their children, resulting in high vaccine coverage rates in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

WHEREAS, 95.1% of Solano County's entering kindergarteners had all their required immunizations in 2011, compared with 91% of children in California; and

WHEREAS, it is important to vaccinate children on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to be exposed to diseases; and

WHEREAS, for 19 years, National Infant Immunization Week has encouraged parents, caregivers, and health care professionals to participate in educational, recognition, and media events to increase the awareness of the importance of immunizing children before their second birthday; and

WHEREAS, this year, National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) where all six WHO regions, including more than 180 Member States, territories, and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April 2013; and

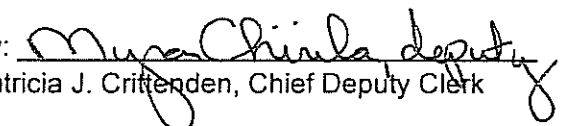
WHEREAS, the week of April 20-27, 2013, has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children should be protected against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by the age of two.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes April 20-27, 2013 as National Infant Immunization Week, encourages parents to make vaccinating their children a priority and to talk to family and friends about protecting their children with vaccines and encourages businesses, government agencies, community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the immunization message throughout their communities.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2013


LINDA J. SEIFERT, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: 
Patricia J. Crittenden, Chief Deputy Clerk