

IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS

- WHEREAS, Immunization levels among children in this country remain unacceptably low, and Missouri has thousands of unprotected children as a result of low levels of immunization; and
- WHEREAS, Parents need to be aware of the dangers of vaccine-preventable diseases, outbreaks, and epidemics; and
- WHEREAS, Proper immunization for preschool, as well as school-aged children and youth is vital in the prevention of polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough (pertussis), diseases caused by Haemophilus Influenza B (Hib), and mumps; and
- WHEREAS, The Public Health Service strongly recommends that all healthy children be immunized against all vaccine-preventable childhood diseases; and
- WHEREAS, Missouri state law requires that children must be immunized before being allowed to enter school; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, work with the Missouri Department of Health in disseminating information to parents of all preschool age children on the importance of immunization in early years; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, cooperate in a state-wide public campaign to raise immunization levels among Missouri's children against vaccine-preventable diseases.