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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 354

Offered March 5, 1996

*Designating April 21-27 as National Infant Immunization Week in Virginia.*

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Consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, preventable childhood diseases such as measles, whooping cough, rubella and others have been occurring throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the rate of child immunization in some portions of the Commonwealth is as low as 60 percent, indicating a community health problem of significant proportions; and

WHEREAS, many childhood diseases can be prevented through immunization, thus laying a foundation for life-long health; and

WHEREAS, educating parents about the importance of early immunizations, encouraging health-care providers to improve access and consistency of immunization services, and seeking long-term policy changes can promote full immunization of all children by age two; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby designate April 21 through April 27, 1996, as "National Infant Immunization Week"; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the General Assembly encourage Virginians to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities to heighten public awareness of the need to immunize all children by age two and to strive to increase the Commonwealth's immunization rate to 90 percent by the year 2000.

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