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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 354

Designating April 21-27, 1996, as National Infant Immunization Week in Virginia.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 7, 1996

Agreed to by the Senate, March 8, 1996

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 proportion; 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 designate April 21-27, 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; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates transmit copies of this resolution to the Hospital Administrator of Alexandria Hospital in recognition of the hospital's leadership and commitment to ensuring that Virginia's infants are properly immunized, and to the Commissioner of Health, and the Presidents of the Virginia Pediatric Society, the Medical Society of Virginia, and the Old Dominion Medical Society and request that they apprise their staff, local health departments, and members, respectively, of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia.

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