



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date: August 21, 2025

Submitted By: Dr. Mary Duhart-Toppen
Title: Deputy Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the Proclamation to recognize the month of August 2025 as National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM).

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve August 2025 National Immunization Awareness Month for Judson ISD.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

National Immunization Awareness Month raises the awareness about why vaccines are important for people of all ages and how they can help prevent serious, sometimes deadly, diseases and illnesses. NIAM is now more important than ever with the emergence of diseases such as Covid-19.

Immunizations play an important role in keeping your family and your community healthy. Vaccinations are important because they not only protect the person who is receiving the vaccine, but they also help to keep diseases from spreading to others such as your family, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, and other member of the community. Immunization helps protect those who are the most vulnerable to illness, such as infants, elders, and those with weakened immune systems.

Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death. In the United States, vaccines have greatly reduced infectious diseases that once routinely caused severe illness and death. According to the CDC, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic approximately 50,000 adults died every year from vaccine-preventable illnesses. During NIAM, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare professional to ensure that you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccinations.

Although no vaccine is 100% effective, it is the first step in protecting yourself, your family, and others from serious illness.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
Approval/Disapproval



National Immunization Awareness Month Proclamation **Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees**

WHEREAS: National Immunization Awareness Month is a federally recognized observance that highlights the importance of fighting against infectious diseases using vaccines, which the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention declared one of the Top Ten Health Accomplishments of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS: vaccine-preventable illnesses pose a health risk to people of all ages, so it is important that all citizens receive routine vaccinations for their individual and community health; and

WHEREAS: vaccines are continually proven to be safe and effective for the vast majority of the population; and

WHEREAS: the continued engagement of healthcare providers, community-based organizations, local health institutions, long-term care facilities, and educational institutions significantly impacts vaccine uptake among people of all ages; and

WHEREAS: vaccines are a highly cost-effective way to prevent disease and severe disease outcomes, protecting individuals' quality of life and reducing community spread of infectious diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Ryan, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim August 2025 as NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH, and encourage our community to contact their primary care health provider or district health services staff and partners to ensure their immunizations and the immunizations of their family members are up to date.

Board President, Monica Ryan

Board Secretary, Lesley Lee

