

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Board of Health
INITIATED BY



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April 1, 2017
DATE DRAFTED

Resolution to Recognize National Infant Immunization Week 2017- April 22-29

1 **WHEREAS**, National Infant Immunization week was established 1994 and is an annual observance to
 2 highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the
 3 achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States;
 4 and,
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 6 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has a low immunization rate, as only 66% of 2 years olds in 2016 were fully
 7 immunized; and,
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 9 **WHEREAS**, a low immunization rate leaves infants at risk of deadly diseases; and,
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 11 **WHEREAS**, with advanced medical science, a child can be protected against more diseases than ever
 12 before; and,
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 14 **WHEREAS**, vaccination is proven very safe and effective; and,
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 16 **WHEREAS**, immunizations protect others you care about because some individuals, such as the very
 17 young or sick, cannot receive immunizations; and,
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 19 **WHEREAS**, immunizations can help improve health, and save families and communities time and
 20 money; and,
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 22 **WHEREAS**, immunizations protect future generations by eliminating many diseases that killed or
 23 severely disabled many people; and,
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 25 **WHEREAS**, Rock County Immunization Coalition is group of community partners and health care
 26 professionals working together to remove vaccination barriers to save lives and improve health by
 27 eliminating vaccine preventable diseases; and,
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 29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
 30 this 13th day of APRIL, 2017 recognizes and supports National Infant Immunization
 31 Week.


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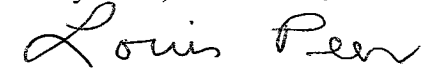
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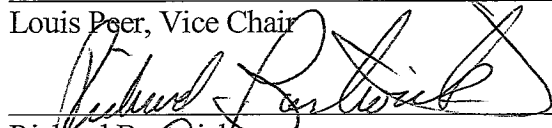
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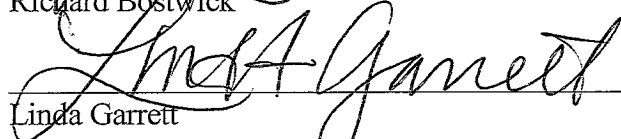
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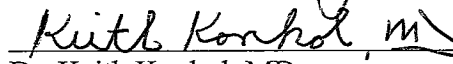
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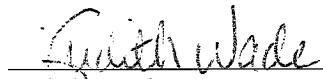

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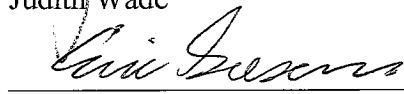

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Executive Summary

Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing diseases and death. They not only help protect vaccinated individuals, but also help protect entire communities by preventing and reducing the spread of infectious diseases. The Rock County Immunization Coalition is a group of community partners and health care professionals working together to remove vaccination barriers to save lives and improve health by eliminating vaccine preventable diseases. The coalition formed last year due to low immunization rates and missed opportunities in Rock County. Only 66% of Rock County Infants have all the recommended vaccinations, leaving 1 out of every 3 infants at risk. The low immunization rate and high number of school immunization waivers leaves Rock County citizens vulnerable to many vaccine preventable illnesses and diseases.

During the week of April 22-29, 2017 the Rock County Immunization Coalition will be observing the National Infant Immunization week (NIIW). NIIW was established in 1994 and is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States. Support of NIIW will increase the reach of the vital message of the importance of vaccinations throughout Rock County.