

## House Resolution 1929

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing August as Adult Vaccine Preventable Disease Awareness and Improvement  
2 Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, vaccines have aided in reducing the burden of widespread and often fatal  
4 diseases, enabling individuals to lead longer and healthier lives while reducing health care  
5 costs; and

6 WHEREAS, although much attention has been paid to the importance of childhood  
7 vaccinations, there is a general lack of awareness of recommended vaccines for adults and  
8 a misperception that adult immunizations are unnecessary for the healthy; and

9 WHEREAS, adult vaccine preventable diseases, including influenza and pneumonia, are a  
10 critical public health issue in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, influenza and pneumonia represent the seventh leading cause of death among  
12 American adults ages 65 and older; and

13 WHEREAS, as the population across the United States continues to age, the impact of  
14 vaccine preventable diseases on adults will likely increase; and

15 WHEREAS, vaccine preventable diseases can result in complications for adults with chronic  
16 conditions, including long-term illness, hospitalization, and death; and

17 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently recommends  
18 a variety of vaccines for adults, including some recommendations that are universal and  
19 others that are targeted to individuals of a certain age, with specific risk factors, or who may  
20 have missed certain childhood vaccines; and

21 WHEREAS, the CDC has consistently seen adult vaccination compliance fall below targets  
22 and aims to increase compliance for influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia vaccination in  
23 adults as part of its Healthy People 2020 goals; and

24 WHEREAS, August is National Immunization Awareness Month, and all are urged to  
25 reinforce the importance of immunizations and the seriousness of the diseases they help to  
26 prevent.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body recognize August as Adult Vaccine Preventable Disease  
29 Awareness and Improvement Month and encourage health care providers, citizens, and the  
30 state to increase compliance rates for adult immunizations.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 public and the press.