

**IN RECOGNITION OF AUGUST AS NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION
AWARENESS MONTH
July 28, 2021**

WHEREAS, most children today receive life-saving vaccines; and

WHEREAS, you have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases, like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and pneumonia, through on-time vaccination; and

WHEREAS, in today's interconnected world, an outbreak anywhere is a threat everywhere; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that routine vaccinations be maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, we have sacrificed so much to keep our loved ones and community safe from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, now, vaccines offer us the clearest path back to normal. Along with other measures like mask-wearing and physical distancing, protecting people with safe and effective vaccines will help end the pandemic and bring us closer again; and

WHEREAS, vaccinated, healthy children can attend school and reap the benefits of education, and their parents are able to participate in the workforce, putting the community on the path to greater economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, immunization also reaches more people than any other health service, connecting families with health care systems, and ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim August as National Immunization Awareness Month and acknowledges that due to decades of research and advances in vaccine science and technology during the pandemic, we are also better prepared to handle diseases past, present, and future.

Dated: July 28, 2021