

***RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF APRIL 24-30, 2005
INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK
AND THE MONTH OF MAY 2005
TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH***

WHEREAS, immunizations are our children's only defense against vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, preventable childhood diseases still pose a serious threat to infants and toddlers and complications of these diseases are often devastating to both patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, California has witnessed an eradication of polio with complete immunization success, and from January to June, 2004, only 6 cases of measles were reported in the state; and

WHEREAS, a recent study indicates that while California immunization rates for two-year olds have improved to nearly 72%, we still have a distance to go to reach the goal of 90% coverage by 2010; and

WHEREAS, there is a disparity in the toddler immunization rates between ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, a local coalition of concerned business, public health and community organizations have joined together to observe National Infant Immunization Week, April 24-30, 2005, and Toddler Immunization Month in May 2005 to bring attention to the need for timely immunizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2005 be designated "Infant Immunization Week" and the month of May 2005 be designated "Toddler Immunization Month."

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this twenty-sixth day of April, 2005, by a unanimous vote of all members present.