

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

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WHEREAS, Proper immunization in early childhood is vital in the prevention of communicable diseases, such as polio, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, etc.; and

WHEREAS, Half of all communicable disease cases occur in unvaccinated children; and

WHEREAS, The National Vaccine Advisory Committee says, "Measles serves as a measure of the efficacy of vaccine delivery." The increase in measles cases is very likely to be followed by outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA, through its regions, councils, and local units, disseminate current information concerning the recommended immunization schedule, the importance of immunization in early childhood, and the importance of maintaining accurate health records for every child; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA , through its regions, councils, and local units, support the efforts of schools to enforce immunization laws; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA urge government agencies to provide additional funds for state and local immunization programs and remove barriers to immunization for children.

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