

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
THE MONTH OF MAY AS**

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, in a time of heightened awareness about dangerous diseases, it is important to remember that routine childhood immunizations are one of the best ways to keep our children safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has a goal of 90% immunization coverage for two year olds by the year 2010; and

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

WHEREAS, a local coalition of concerned business, public health, and community organizations have joined together to observe TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH in May to bring attention to the need for timely immunizations; and

WHEREAS, this year's TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH campaign is entitled, "Stop the Cough! Immunizations Protect Little Lungs" and focuses on three diseases that affect children's lungs: pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (flu), and pneumococcal disease

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the month of May 2003 as "TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH" throughout San Mateo County.

DATED: May 13, 2003

SUPERVISORS:

ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT


MARK CHURCH