

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

August 2020

as

PET IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, pet immunizations are essential for the health of pets, as proper vaccinations can prevent serious diseases, such as distemper, adenovirus, rabies, parvovirus, leptospirosis, panleukopenia, rhinotracheitis, and calicivirus; and,

WHEREAS, pet immunizations can also minimize the spread of disease among pets, and in the case of some diseases, prevent the disease from being transferred from pets to pet owners and their family members; and,

WHEREAS, vaccines contain some or all of the inactivated protein parts of pathogens that cause infectious disease, which allows a pet's immune system to recognize the pathogen from these inactivated parts and fight back against the disease once exposed; and,

WHEREAS, pet immunizations are split into two groups, core and non-core vaccines; and,

WHEREAS, core vaccines are recommended for all dogs and cats to prevent diseases such as rabies, distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus in dogs, as well as rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia in cats, while non-core vaccines are situational and prevent diseases that are of higher risk to certain groups of animals, or only exist in certain parts of the country, including Lyme disease, leptospirosis and kennel cough in dogs; and,

WHEREAS, state law requires vaccinations be administered by, or under the supervision of, a licensed veterinarian to ensure pets are receiving safe and quality care; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, pet owners should recognize the importance of pet vaccinations in promoting a long, happy, and healthy life for their pets and establish a relationship with veterinarians to determine an immunization strategy tailored to their pet's age and health status;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim August 2020 as Pet Immunization Awareness Month in Michigan and encourage all pet owners to have their pets vaccinated to ensure their pets live a long and healthy life.

A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer, written in a cursive style.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

