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Senator Karen Mayne proposes the following substitute bill:

### ADULT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS ~~{DAY}~~MONTH JOINT

#### RESOLUTION

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### LONG TITLE

##### General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature designates ~~{Monday, }~~October~~{17}~~ as Adult Immunization ~~{Day}~~Awareness Month and urges adults to be current in their immunizations.

##### Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ designates ~~{Monday, }~~October~~{17}~~ as Adult Immunization ~~{Day}~~Awareness Month in the state of Utah to increase awareness of the need for every adult to be current in their immunizations; and
- ▶ urges Utah's adults to be immunized in order to protect their own health and to help prevent their children and others from becoming ill.

##### Special Clauses:

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, efforts to immunize children have yielded considerably better results than efforts to immunize adults;

WHEREAS, influenza is responsible for approximately 20,000 to 40,000 deaths annually, and has gone up to 50,000 deaths and an estimated 200,000 excess hospitalizations at a cost of \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 during epidemic years;

WHEREAS, mortality from all pneumococcal disease is estimated at 40,000 deaths annually, with morbidity estimated at 500,000 cases of pneumonia, 50,000 cases of sepsis, and 3,000 cases of meningitis;

WHEREAS, hepatitis B infections occur in 200,000 to 300,000 people each year and result in 10,000 to 15,000 hospitalizations and 250 deaths due to fulminant hepatitis;

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000,000 people are carriers of the hepatitis B virus;

WHEREAS, 25% of these carriers have chronic active hepatitis, 4,000 die annually from HBV-related cirrhosis, and 800 die annually from HBV-related liver cancer;

WHEREAS, those older than 20 represented 95% of tetanus cases and 100% of deaths due to tetanus from 1991-1994 and 33% of measles cases during 1996;

WHEREAS, in 1993, 20% of reported mumps cases for which age was known occurred among persons who were at least 20 years old;

WHEREAS, an estimated 6% to 11% of younger adults are unprotected against rubella;

WHEREAS, in 1994 -1996, 85% of rubella cases for which the age was known occurred among individuals 15 years of age or older;

WHEREAS, congenital rubella syndrome is a very rare but serious disease and remains a threat for the offspring of women who have not been immunized;

WHEREAS, vaccines for these and other ailments are available to prevent a number of illnesses that contribute to morbidity and mortality in adults in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Health should post information urging adults to get current in their immunizations to prevent the spread of diseases such as hepatitis, shingles, chicken pox, and the flu;

WHEREAS, the Utah Medical Association should urge in its newsletter to doctors that they inform their adult patients of the importance of being immunized and how to obtain those

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immunizations; and

WHEREAS, Utah children will be more healthy if their parents are properly immunized:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah designates ~~{Monday, }~~October~~{17}~~ as Adult Immunization Awareness ~~{Day}~~Month in the state of Utah to increase awareness of the need for every adult to be current in their immunizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the adult citizens of the state to be current on their immunizations in order to protect their own health and to help prevent their children and others from becoming ill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Department of Health and the Utah Medical Association.

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