

REPRESENTATIVE FENDE

*Recognizing Teen Immunization Month in Ohio, June 2009 and 2010*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:*

*WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize June 2009 and 2010 as Teen Immunization Month in Ohio; and*

*WHEREAS, More than 2,300 cases of chickenpox, nearly 800 cases of pertussis, and 40 cases of meningococcal disease were reported in Ohio in 2008. Vaccines are among the most successful and cost-effective public health tools for preventing disease and death, and they should be given not only to infants and young children but also to teens; and*

*WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends immunizations for young people between the ages of eleven and eighteen years against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, influenza, hepatitis B, and chickenpox, as well as human papillomavirus for girls of those ages. The Ohio Department of Health considers the timely immunization of these individuals to be a significant priority; and*

*WHEREAS, Governor Ted Strickland, by executive order, has declared June as Teen Immunization Month in Ohio. We encourage public and private health care providers, parents, school systems, third-party payors, and school-based health centers to advance the health of our young people by advocating on-time immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize June 2009 and 2010 as Teen Immunization Month in Ohio; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.*