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PROCLAMATION

National Immunization Awareness Week

April 26 – May 3, 2014

WHEREAS

Immunize Canada, composed of:

Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada

Asthma Society of Canada

Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores

Canadian Center for Vaccinology

Canadian Diabetes Association

Canadian Geriatrics Society Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association

Canadian Institute of Child Health

Canadian Lung Association

Canadian Medical Association

Canadian Nurses Association

Canadian Nursing Coalition for Immunization

Canadian Paediatric Society

Canadian Pharmacists Association

Canadian Public Health Association

College of Family Physicians of Canada

Council of Chief Medical Officers of Canada

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

Infection Prevention and Control Canada

Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada

Post-Polio Canada

Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada

Victorian Order of Nurses

Public Health Agency of Canada

Public Health Ontario

First Nations and Inuit Health Branch – Health Canada

has identified immunization in Canada as an important public health measure for all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Parents and health care providers in every community have a responsibility to ensure that children are immunized on time and receive the full schedule of vaccinations required to protect them from serious diseases;

AND WHEREAS A week profiling the importance of immunization in Canada would increase public awareness that many diseases are effectively and safely controlled by immunization, thereby reducing the burden of illness in our communities;

AND WHEREAS Immunization is considered to be the most cost-beneficial health intervention and one of the few that systematically demonstrates far more benefits than costs;

AND WHEREAS Canada is joining other countries around the world to encourage childhood immunization around World Immunization Week, sponsored by the World Health Organization;

NOW THEREFORE the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District declares the week of April 26 – May 3, 2014 National immunization Awareness Week.

Patricia Heintzman
Board Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District