



**MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP  
OF  
THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Mississippi Public Health Association was held on September 5, 2014, whereby a resolution was passed authorizing Buddy Daughdrill, Executive Director TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATION the following resolution:

**THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
THE EXISTING MISSISSIPPI STATUTE FOR CHILDHOOD  
IMMUNIZATIONS**

TITLE 41. PUBLIC HEALTH  
CHAPTER 23. CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES; QUARANTINE  
IN GENERAL  
Miss. Code Ann. § 41-23-37 (2013)

**WHEREAS** immunizations are the best protection against deadly diseases like measles, pertussis and bacterial meningitis;

**AND WHEREAS** immunizations are clinically proven to be safe and effective with multiple, independent scientific studies having conclusively shown that there is no link between immunizations and Autism;

**AND WHEREAS** immunizations protect our children from deadly disease that still occur here in the U.S.;

**AND WHEREAS** Mississippi's current immunization law allows children with valid medical reasons to be exempted;

**AND WHEREAS** Mississippi's strong school entry law protects immunized children as well as others around them who can't be immunized: newborn infants, those with special medical conditions, and senior citizens who may be at higher risk for complications;

**AND WHEREAS** states with weak immunization laws are now suffering the consequences with children becoming ill, being hospitalized, and even dying;

**AND WHEREAS** unnecessary exemptions make serious illness more likely for the few who have genuine medical reasons to be exempt and every unimmunized child puts your child at greater risk;

**AND WHEREAS** the Mississippi Public Health Association Executive Board approved protecting immunization requirements in Mississippi as one of its 2014 legislative initiatives and believes this resolution aligns with the organizational mission of our Association;

**THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION HEREBY RESOLVES** to support and advocate for maintaining the current immunization laws as stated in Miss. Code Ann. § 41-23-37 (2013).