

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the state of Indiana seeks to protect and improve the health of all Hoosiers; and

WHEREAS, antibiotics are lifesaving when used correctly for bacterial infections, but the overuse and misuse of antibiotics are the most important factors leading to antibiotic resistance around the world; and

WHEREAS, antibiotics are commonly used for diseases for which they are not indicated, such as for viruses, and up to 50 percent of antibiotics prescribed are not needed or are not optimally effective; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key national health threats in the United States with more than 2,000,000 people becoming ill each year from resistant infections and at least 23,000 of those dying as a result of antibiotic resistant infections; and

WHEREAS, based on national data, approximately 42,000 Hoosiers would expect to suffer from antibiotic resistant infections each year, with at least 480 deaths from these infections; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely imperative to retain antibiotic efficacy in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Coalition for Responsible Antibiotic Use, in partnership with local healthcare providers and community members, seek to raise awareness about this public health crisis and decrease unnecessary antibiotic-prescribing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2015 as

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in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State, Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 10th
day of November in the year of our
Lord 2015 and of the Independence
of the United States 240.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Michael R. Pence