COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

Whereas, the Commonwealth seeks to promote the health and wellbeing of all Pennsylvanians; and

Whereas, antibiotics are important for treating certain infections, but unnecessary use contributes to the growing threat of antibiotic resistance; and

Whereas, more than 2.8 million antibiotic-resistant infections occur in the United States each year and more than 35,000 people die as a result; and

Whereas, appropriate and judicious antibiotic use ensures patients receive the best treatment today and secures efficacy of antibiotics in the future; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Department of Health works to strengthen and support antibiotic stewardship programs across health care facilities in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Department of Health collaborates with health care facilities, health care providers, public health partners, professional organizations, and community stakeholders to advance antibiotic stewardship, promote appropriate antibiotic use, and prevent the spread of antibiotic resistance throughout the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Department of Health aims to reduce the development of antibiotic resistance in Pennsylvania by providing education to health care providers and the public.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 18-24, 2026, to be

ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

and I encourage all Pennsylvanians, health care providers, health care facilities, public health partners, and community organizations to work together to fight antibiotic resistance by promoting judicious antibiotic prescribing, taking antibiotics exactly as they are prescribed, and advancing antibiotic stewardship and public awareness throughout the Commonwealth.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fifth day of November two thousand twenty-six, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fifty-first.

Governor Josh Shapiro

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