

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, The "Just Wait" Abstinence Unit within the Mississippi Department of Human Services and other organizations, schools, and churches are implementing activities in May 2006, to reduce the incidence and circumstances of teen pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, Adolescence must be seen by all as a time for education and skill building, not pregnancy and parenthood; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for activities promoting purity and abstinence until marriage, such as building the character traits of self-control, self-respect, and self-discipline and educating teens on the consequences of possible unplanned pregnancies, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional scars associated with the onset of early sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, Since teenage pregnancy affects the health, economic, and educational future of teenagers, there is a need to expand on the programs already established in order to reverse the current behavior trends; and

WHEREAS, By calling attention to the problem of teen pregnancy in an attempt to reduce the incidence of teen pregnancies, the quality of life not only for teen mothers, but also for innocent babies will be improved:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of May 2006, as

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand and
caused the Great Seal of the
State of Mississippi to be
affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson,
on the twenty fifth day of
January in the year of our
Lord, two thousand and six,
and of the Independence of the
United States of America, the
two hundred and thirtieth.




HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR