



State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

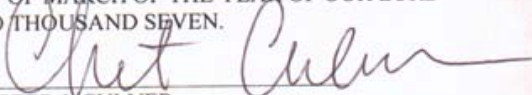
- WHEREAS,** TEENAGE PREGNANCY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTS THE HEALTH, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL FUTURE OF TEENAGERS; AND
- WHEREAS,** TEENAGE PARENTS ARE OFTEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION, WHICH LATER RESULTS IN UNEMPLOYMENT, UNDEREMPLOYMENT AND DEPENDENCE ON PUBLIC WELFARE. TEENAGE MOTHERS OFTEN SEEK PRENATAL CARE LATE, IF AT ALL, AND THEREFORE, FREQUENTLY SUFFER HIGHER THAN AVERAGE LEVELS OF TOXEMIA, ANEMIA AND CERVICAL TRAUMA; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE STATE OF IOWA IS COMMITTED IN INVOLVING MANY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING: THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, MEDIA, PARENTS, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN HELPING TO PREVENT TEENAGE PREGNANCY; AND
- WHEREAS,** IT IS OUR GOAL TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF TEEN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR; CREATE AN AWARENESS OF HOW OUR SOCIETY INFLUENCES OUR CHILDREN WITH SEXUAL MESSAGES; RESOLVE TO BUILD A SAFER, HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR AMERICA'S YOUTH; OPEN THE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS IN FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND OUR COUNTRY; AND PROMOTE ADOLESCENT SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HEALTH:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY, 2007 AS

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

IN IOWA, AND URGE OUR CITIZENS TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO REDUCE UNINTENDED PREGNANCY AMONG ADOLESCENTS IN IOWA.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERETO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH OF THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVEN.



CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR

