

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month 2007 Official Proclamation

Whereas, teen pregnancy is a critical issue facing Minnesota teens, families and communities; and

Whereas, according to the Minnesota Department of Health, each day in Minnesota 18 teens become pregnant; and

Whereas, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month is a national, statewide and local effort to bring attention to the issue of teen pregnancy and to highlight the need for comprehensive, effective teen pregnancy prevention programs; and

Whereas, Communities can use this occasion to focus their attention on what adults can do to support children and help them make healthy decisions; and

Whereas, working together, all members of the community can provide information in a culturally responsible way and increase opportunities in teens' lives so they can reach adulthood- pregnancy free.

Whereas encouraging open communication between adults and teens will support efforts to raise healthy teens and affirm the choices our young people can make to avoid early pregnancy, finish high school and enjoy happy, fulfilling lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2007, as

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH
in the State of Minnesota.

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State