

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, 750,000 teens experience pregnancy and 400,000 give birth each year; girls born to teen mothers are 25 percent more likely to become teen mothers themselves; and

WHEREAS, 39 percent of sexually active teens did not use condoms at last sex, and only 23 percent reported that they or their partner used hormonal birth control; and

WHEREAS, teens who experience pregnancy are less likely to finish high school or enter college, and more likely to experience poverty than teens who do not; approximately two-thirds of teen mothers never finish high school—only 50 percent receive a high school diploma by age 22 and only 2 percent finish college; and


WHEREAS, teens who experience pregnancy are more likely to end up on public assistance than those who have children later; and

WHEREAS, teen pregnancy in our state costs North Carolina taxpayers \$858 million on unplanned pregnancies; North Carolina has the 19th highest teen birth rate in the United States; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina commends the groups and organizations throughout the United States working to prevent teen pregnancy and supports their mission of increased awareness and education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as “**TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.