



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the teen pregnancy rate is at a historic low in North Carolina, and down more than 70 percent for young women aged 15 – 19 since it peaked in the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, teen birth rates differ substantially by age, racial and ethnic group, and region in the United States; however, significant declines have occurred in all 50 states and among all racial and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, despite these historic declines, the rates of teen pregnancy and births in the United States are still higher than that of many other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, teens' own smart decisions, effective sex education, engaged and open parent communication, better methods and access to birth control, and supportive communities have contributed greatly to reducing pregnancy rates among this age group; and

WHEREAS, investments in family planning and sex education continue to decrease the rate of teen pregnancies, and ultimately save American taxpayers an estimated more than \$4 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends those who are working to further decrease the teen pregnancy rate in our state, and encourages people to promote access to education and resources that increase awareness and support of prevention in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, 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 eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.