



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, teen pregnancy rates have consistently trended downward in North Carolina, mirroring trends seen across the United States; since the 1990s, the teen pregnancy rate in North Carolina has decreased more than 70 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this incredible progress, North Carolina's teen birth rate is ranked 28<sup>th</sup> in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, teens' smart decisions are driving the decline in teen birth rates; research indicates that young people are waiting longer to initiate sexual activity and are more likely to use effective birth control methods than in previous generations; and

**WHEREAS**, in a 2017 survey of North Carolina high school students, 85 percent of those who were sexually active indicated that they used a form of birth control at last sex; and

**WHEREAS**, communities make a big difference; effective sexual health education, engaged parents and community members, increased access to effective birth control methods, and safe and supportive communities all make it possible for young people to engage in healthy relationships and make healthier choices; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention pays off, and new reports indicate that declines in the teen birth rate resulted in \$137 million saved in North Carolina in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud of the work accomplished by agencies and organizations throughout our state to prevent teen pregnancy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2019, 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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.