



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota continues to see reductions in teen birth rates along with the rest of the nation. Minnesota's birth rates are at a historic low, ranking with the seventh lowest birth rate in the country declining by 57.2 percent from 2000 to 2016; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has striking disparities in teen pregnancy and birth rates which remain high for those living in poverty, racial and ethnic minorities, by geographic location, and among vulnerable populations; and
- WHEREAS: To support this effort, we need to continue to improve community and school resources to ensure safe and secure places for young people to live, learn, and play; and
- WHEREAS: Access to high-quality, teen-friendly health care improves young people's physical and mental health and strengthens the systems and structures designed to support the health and well-being of this population; and
- WHEREAS: Educating adults in adolescent health and development supports positive connections between caring adults and young people, which strengthens the capacity of families and caregivers to support the health and well-being of young people; and
- WHEREAS: Recognizing and responding to the diversity, individuality, and unique circumstances of young people includes addressing the social, economic, and environmental factors that negatively impact the health of young people; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Health joins with the Office of Adolescent Health, Power to Decide, The Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, Advocates for Youth, and dedicated local public health agencies, youth serving organizations, health care professionals, and communities in bringing awareness and equity to issues supporting the reduction of teen pregnancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as:

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE