
Relating to: proclaiming May 2016 as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, parenthood is the leading reason that teen girls drop out of school; more than 50 percent of teen mothers never graduate from high school; and

Whereas, about 25 percent of teen moms have a second child within 24 months of their first baby; and

Whereas, less than two percent of teen mothers earn a college degree by age 30; and

Whereas, the United States has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the western industrialized world; and

Whereas, in 2011, the teen birthrate in the United States fell to the lowest level recorded in nearly 70 years of tracking teen childbearing; and

Whereas, in 2008, the teen pregnancy rate among African-American and Hispanic teen girls between the ages of 15 and 19, was over two and a half times
higher than the teen pregnancy rate among Caucasian teen girls of the same age group; and

Whereas, eight out of ten teen couples with a child don’t marry; and

Whereas, a sexually active teen who does not use contraceptives has a 90 percent chance of becoming pregnant within a year; and

Whereas, two-thirds of families begun by a young, unmarried mother have incomes under the federal poverty line; and

Whereas, teens had fewer babies in 2010 than in any year since the mid-1940s, and awareness campaigns can help reduce this number even more; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims May 2016 as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Wisconsin.

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