

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

## **2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 113**

February 23, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, RINGHAND and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

| 1  | Relating to: proclaiming May 2016 as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month      |
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| 2  | in Wisconsin.  |
| 3  | Whereas, parenthood is the leading reason that teen girls drop out of school;      |
| 4  | more than 50 percent of teen mothers never graduate from high school; and          |
| 5  | Whereas, about 25 percent of teen moms have a second child within 24 months        |
| 6  | of their first baby; and   |
| 7  | Whereas, less than two percent of teen mothers earn a college degree by age 30;    |
| 8  | and  |
| 9  | Whereas, the United States has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in the      |
| 10 | western industrialized world; and  |
| 11 | Whereas, in 2011, the teen birthrate in the United States fell to the lowest level |
| 12 | recorded in nearly 70 years of tracking teen childbearing; and                     |
| 13 | Whereas, in 2008, the teen pregnancy rate among African-American and               |
| 14 | 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

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3 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 4 percent chance of becoming pregnant within a year; and  $\mathbf{5}$ 6 Whereas, two-thirds of families begun by a young, unmarried mother have 7 incomes under the federal poverty line; and 8 Whereas, teens had fewer babies in 2010 than in any year since the mid-1940s, 9 and awareness campaigns can help reduce this number even more; now, therefore, 10 be it 11 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the legislature 12hereby proclaims May 2016 as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in 13Wisconsin.

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