

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, teen pregnancies have far-reaching consequences that adversely affect the health, education, and economic future of our young people; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, more than 6,000 girls between the ages of 15 and 19 gave birth in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, between 2000 and 2010, teen birth rates in our state dropped by 26 percent; and

WHEREAS, teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 13 percent between 2009 and 2010, the lowest teen birth rate ever recorded in our state; and

WHEREAS, the progress South Carolina has made in reducing the incidence of teen childbearing saved taxpayers an estimated \$127 million in 2008 alone; and

WHEREAS, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month is an opportunity for parents, teens, educators, program providers, faith based organizations, local elected leaders, and state policymakers to join together to decrease teen pregnancy in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce and prevent teen pregnancy for the future success of our young people.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA