

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, more than 10,000 young South Carolina girls get pregnant each year; and

WHEREAS, between 1998 and 2008, the birth rate for teens between the ages of 15 and 19 dropped approximately 12 percent in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the progress South Carolina has made in reducing the incidence of teen childbearing saves taxpayers an estimated \$82 million annually; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2011 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