

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 2014, 4,297 girls between the ages of 15 and 19 gave birth in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, since 1991, there has been a 61 percent decline in the teen birth rate in our state; and

WHEREAS, teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 10 percent between 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the progress South Carolina has made in reducing the incidence of teen childbearing saves taxpayers millions of dollars each year; 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 2016 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