

Oregon Governor's Proclamation for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

2003 Original Text

WHEREAS: Teen pregnancy remains a serious problem in Oregon, leading to a number of physical, emotional, and psychological difficulties for both teen parents and the children born to teens; and

WHEREAS: Teen pregnancy costs Oregon millions of dollars each year in social and health services; and

WHEREAS: Teen parents often become dependent on social services such as welfare and are more likely to live in poverty; and

WHEREAS: Reducing teen pregnancies is one of Oregon's Benchmarks; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Action Agenda has been developed to address this problem in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: By working together in local communities and carrying out comprehensive approaches to teen pregnancy prevention, the trend in teen pregnancies has decreased significantly in the last five years; and

WHEREAS: Oregon communities have acknowledged the importance of teen pregnancy prevention; and

WHEREAS: Nationally, May has been the focal point for teen pregnancy prevention awareness activities;

NOW, THEREFORE: I Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2003 to be

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

Revision Incorporating New 3Rs Language (in bold)

WHEREAS: Oregon's goal is to be a leader in teen pregnancy prevention, better ensuring a healthy future for our children and their children and;

WHEREAS: Successful teen pregnancy prevention saves Oregon millions of dollars in social and health services; and

WHEREAS: Reducing teen pregnancies is one of Oregon's Benchmarks; and

WHEREAS: The Oregon Teen Pregnancy Prevention Action Agenda has been developed as a blueprint to assist local communities in implementing a comprehensive approach to addressing teen pregnancy prevention; and

WHEREAS: The combined efforts of local communities and comprehensive approaches have contributed to the significant decrease in unintended pregnancies in Oregon in the past five years; and

WHEREAS: Oregon is committed to helping parents talk honestly and openly with young people about sex; and

WHEREAS: Given accurate, age appropriate information, skills and supports, Oregon teens can be trusted to make healthy, informed sexual decisions; and

WHEREAS: Oregon communities have acknowledged the importance of teen pregnancy prevention awareness activities; and

WHEREAS: Teen pregnancy prevention efforts find greatest success within the broader context of healthy sexuality; and

WHEREAS: Nationally, May has been the focal point for teen pregnancy prevention activities;

NOW, THEREFORE: I Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim May 2006 to be

Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Sexual Health Awareness Month

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.