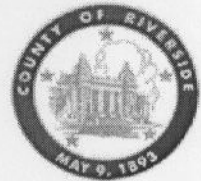


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

114A



FROM: Community Health Agency Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Proclamation for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month – May 2005

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim the month of May 2005 as National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month; and
- 2) Return Proclamation document to the Riverside County Community Health Agency Family Planning Program.

BACKGROUND: National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month acknowledges the importance of reducing teenage pregnancies as the responsibility of the entire community. Riverside County Community Health Agency will honor Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month by educating the public on their role in reducing teen pregnancies. We recognize the importance of community involvement to improve the life prospects for teens. Reduction of teen pregnancy may also improve the outcomes of other critical social issues linked to teen pregnancies, such as welfare dependency, overall child well-being, responsible fatherhood and workforce development.

Attachments

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Susan D. Harrington
Susan Harrington, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dan Marting

- Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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WHEREAS, the teen pregnancy problem crosses all racial, cultural and socio-economic lines, and teen parenthood has emotional, health and financial consequences that impact the teen, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2010, the number of teenagers in California is expected to increase by 34 percent, which translates into more individuals entering reproductive age; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services, works with a vast network of community-based organizations (CBOs), including the Department of Public Health's Family Planning and the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP), Information & Education programs (I&Es), Community Challenge Grants (CCGs) all to promote teen pregnancy prevention on a local level; and

WHEREAS, all of us play an integral role in preventing teen pregnancy in our respective communities and government alone cannot solve the problem of teenage pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Health Services' teen pregnancy prevention programs and it's media campaign have created and enhanced opportunities for collaboration between government and parents, community groups, schools, religious institutions, health and human service providers, and the private sector in California to plan and implement effective strategies and programs in communities across the State to reduce the number of teen pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2003, births to teens 15 through 19 years of age declined by 19% to a rate of 38.91 per 1,000, down from 48.1 per 1,000 in 2001 - making California's teen birth rate fall below the national average of 43 per 1,000 ; and

WHEREAS, this significant decline of such an important health indicator clearly attests to the fact that effective intervention programs, the involvement of California communities and the media campaign are making a difference; and

WHEREAS, in Riverside County, births to teens 15 through 19 years of age declined 23% from 56.1 births per 1,000 population in 2000 to 43.5 births per 1,000 population in 2003; and

WHEREAS, May is designated Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the United States; and

THEREFORE, we, the members of Riverside County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 2005 as

"Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month"