



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: May 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Teen Pregnancy - Prevention Month

Report in Brief

For the past seven years, the City Council has supported the efforts of agencies and young people in an attempt to address and lower the rate of teenage pregnancies in our City.

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2009 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the City.

Background

CommuniCare Health Centers and a group of teens at Woodland and Cache Creek High Schools have been collaborating on an annual State-wide teen pregnancy prevention campaign. The focus points of this campaign are: teen responsibility to promote abstinence and encourage responsible behavior for sexually active teens; to inform young men about their role in preventing pregnancy and responsible fatherhood; adult/youth communication that focuses on the importance of parents and significant adults as primary sexual educators for children and young adults; and Family PACT services that promote improved reproductive health by increasing awareness of no-cost family planning services for low income men and women. These teens have been participating in a number of teen-led activities throughout the County including speaking in public forums such as meetings of School Boards, City Councils, etc. in regard to the program and will be present to speak briefly and accept the Proclamation.

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council issue a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2009 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the City.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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Proclamation Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month - May 2009

WHEREAS, the personal, social, and economic consequences of teenage pregnancy affect all Californians, and teenage pregnancy negatively affects the health, economic, and educational future of teenagers; and

WHEREAS, California's teen population aged 15-19 years is expected to increase from 2.4 million to 3.2 million over the next decade, more than any other group of reproductive age; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health's Office of Family Planning has introduced a number of creative and innovative programs aimed at preventing teen pregnancy, including Community Challenge Grants, TeenSMART, and Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment) to increase knowledge and skills in preventing teen pregnancy and to promote adult-to-teen communication, teen and male responsibility; and the availability of family planning services to low-income individuals; and

WHEREAS, government alone cannot solve the problem of teenage pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health's Office of Family Planning's pregnancy prevention programs have created and enhanced opportunities for collaboration between government, 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 teenage pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2006, births to teens 15 through 19 years of age increased to a rate of 21.2 per thousand, which is higher than the 2005 Yolo County teen birth rate of 18.1 per thousand, but is lower than the 2004 Yolo County teen birth rate of 22.1 per thousand; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2006, nationally teen childbearing costs taxpayers at least 9.1 billion dollars a year; and

WHEREAS, three out of ten teenage girls in the United States get pregnant at least once by age 20, the daughters of young teenage moms are three times more likely to become teen mothers themselves, and the sons of teen mothers are twice as likely to end up in prison; and

WHEREAS, the teen birth rate has increased in Yolo County. The work of individuals involved with adolescent pregnancy prevention programs throughout the county and state will continue in order to reverse the increase seen in 2006 and return to a downward trend; and

WHEREAS, local data for teen pregnancy rates still show that involvement by the community on all levels and a commitment to addressing this issue is needed and vital to assisting the reduction in teen births. In 2007, there were 214 births to teens aged 15-19 in Yolo County;.

THEREFORE, the Woodland City Council does hereby proclaim May 2009 as "Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Month" in the City of Woodland.

Dated this 19th day of May 2009.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor
William L. Marble, Council Member

Martie L. Dote, Council Member
Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member