



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Proclamation – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

### **Report in Brief**

For the past eight years, 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.

It is recommended that Council issue a Proclamation declaring the month of May 2010 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 adoption of a Proclamation declaring May 2010 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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## PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2010 TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

**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 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**, between 2007 and 2008, there were 2,859 fewer teen births in California, saving state taxpayers approximately 98 million dollars; 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 mothers are three times more likely to become teen mothers themselves, and approximately one-fourth of teenage mothers have a second child within 24 months of the first birth; and

**WHEREAS**, local data for teen pregnancy rates show that involvement by the community on all levels and a commitment to addressing this issue is still needed. Yolo County currently has a teen birth rate significantly lower than the average for the State of California (3 year average, 2006-2008). However, in 2008, there were 218 births to teens aged 15-19 in Yolo County, 52% (114) of which were to Woodland teens.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council does hereby proclaim May 2010 as "Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Month" recognition in the City of Woodland.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>TH</sup> of April, 2010.

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Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

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