

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/160

Recognizing May 2015 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Contra Costa County

Whereas, despite historic progress over the past two decades, nearly 3 in 10 teenagers in the United States become pregnant, the highest teen pregnancy rate among comparable countries; and

Whereas, despite significant progress in all 50 states and among all racial/ethnic groups, great disparities in teen pregnancy remain; and

Whereas, 3 in 5 girls in the foster care system are pregnant before age 18 and 2 of those girls are pregnant again by age 21; and

Whereas, even worse, 60% of these children will be reported for abuse before the age of 5; and

Whereas, teen pregnancy is closely linked to a number of critical social issues such as poverty, educational attainment, involvement in the criminal justice and child welfare systems and more; and

Whereas, teen childbearing costs U.S. taxpayers about \$9 billion each year; and

Whereas, a child is nine times more likely to grow up in poverty if he or she is born to unmarried teen parents who have not yet completed high school; and

Whereas, less than half of mothers who have a child before they turn 18 ever graduate from high school; and

Whereas, less than 2% of mothers who have children before 18 have a college degree by age 30; and

Whereas, children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birthweight; and

Whereas, children of teen parents are two times more likely to suffer abuse and neglect than would occur if their mothers had delayed childbearing; and

Whereas, 8 in 10 adults view teen pregnancy as an important problem and 7 in 10 believe more efforts to prevent teen pregnancy are needed in the community; and

Whereas, 7 in 10 adults and a plurality of teens wish that teens were getting more information about both abstinence and contraception, rather than either/or; and

Whereas, 7 in 10 adults agree that there should be more community efforts to reduce teen pregnancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby declares the month of May 2015 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in hopes of raising awareness about the importance of this critical issue, promoting parent-child communication, supporting programs that have been proven to reduce teen pregnancy, and recognizing organizations working to make a difference in this specific population, including our foster youth teens.

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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: May 12, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy