

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

**DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2017 AS
TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, California's overall teen birth rate has been steadily declining in the past decade, decreasing from 40.1 births per 1000 in 2007 to 20.8 births per 1000 in 2014, with Lake County's overall teen birth rate also steadily declining, decreasing from 48.8 births per 1000 in 2007 to 34.1 births per 1000 in 2014; and

WHEREAS, unintended pregnancies create a variety of challenges for teenage parents and their children, including a higher likelihood of premature birth and low birth weight, less stable living conditions, and increased infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, less than 40% of teens who become mothers by the age 18 receive their high school diploma by age 22 compared to nearly 90% of women who did not give birth as teenagers, and these disparities in educational attainment are directly linked to decreased economic opportunity and earnings in subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, young people are less likely to get pregnant or get someone pregnant if they have certain protective factors, including open communication with caring adults about sexual health, supportive parents and care givers, accurate knowledge of contraception, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and the opinion of abstinence; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Family Resource Center joins with the many dedicated local organizations to prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy including: Lake County Public Health, Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health Division, Lake County Office of Education, Healthy Start, First 5 Lake Commission, Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, Mother-Wise, Children's Council, Lake County Department of Social Services, St. Helena Hospital Family Health Center, Bright State and The Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health Advisory Board. These diverse groups are working together along with many other youth service organizations and health care professionals dedicated to improving the lives of young people in bringing awareness and equity to this important issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate the month of May 2017, as **TEEN PREGNANCY AWARENESS MONTH**, and does commend this observance to all citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2017.

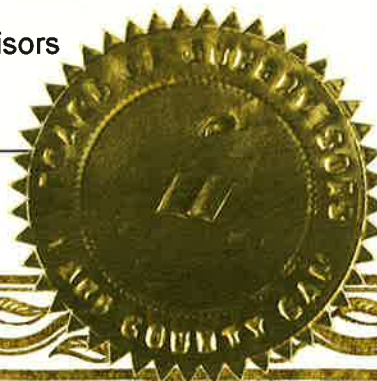
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COUNTY OF LAKE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____

Deputy



Chair, Board of Supervisors