



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Manatee County, Florida, believe that children of this County should be born healthy, grow up in a safe and nurturing environment, experience educational success, achieve economic independence, and reach their fullest potential in life. These goals become harder to achieve with higher teen pregnancy rates, as less than half of mothers who have a child before they turn 18 ever graduate from high school, hindering their ability to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County and the Manatee Youth Commission actively advocate for a continued comprehensive approach to addressing teen pregnancy prevention in our local community; and

WHEREAS, successful teen pregnancy prevention saves Manatee County millions of dollars in social and health services. Nationally, each year teen childbearing costs tax payers \$9.1 billion, teen pregnancy costs Florida over \$480 million, and the cost of teen pregnancy and children born to teens in Manatee County is \$11.1 million; and

WHEREAS, Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County, along with partnering agencies, have focused their attention on the prevention of teen pregnancy by building awareness of the causes, extent, and consequences of the problem; building linkages between local, state, and national resources; and calling its citizens to action by recognizing that teen pregnancy prevention efforts find the greatest success within the broader context of healthy sexuality; and

WHEREAS, because of recent comprehensive community efforts to reduce teen pregnancy, Manatee County's live births to teen mothers have been reduced by 27.51 percent when comparing 2011 and 2012 with 2003 through 2010; and

WHEREAS, strong support for comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention programming must remain in place in order to continue to solidify the positive gains made in tackling this crucial community health issue; and

WHEREAS, nationally, May has been the focal point for teen pregnancy prevention activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the month of May 2013 shall be known, designated, and set aside as

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 7th day of May 2013.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Larry Bustle
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: **R. B. "Chips" Shore**
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Wabi Jessner
Deputy Clerk

May 7, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #6

Subject

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

APPROVED In Open Session
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating the month of May 2013 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

This proclamation was requested by Ella Biggins, Chair of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Committee.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Attachment: [Teen Pregnancy Prevention - 05.07.13.pdf](#)