
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ADOPTED, MARCH 16, 1994

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of March 14 through 20, 1994, as "Teen
2 Pregnancy Prevention Week."

3 WHEREAS, Teenage pregnancy is a problem with far-reaching
4 negative socioeconomic and wellness implications; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States has the highest rates of teenage
6 pregnancy and birth in the Western World; and

7 WHEREAS, Thirty other states lead Pennsylvania with a lower
8 incidence of teenage pregnancy per capita; and

9 WHEREAS, Over 25% of teenagers never use contraceptives and
10 40% only use contraceptives sporadically; and

11 WHEREAS, One in ten American girls between the ages of 10 and
12 19 years of age will become pregnant; and

13 WHEREAS, Only half of these teenage mothers will complete
14 high school prior to the age of 29; and

15 WHEREAS, Sixty-one percent of females under the age of 30
16 receiving AFDC had their first child as a teenager; and

1 WHEREAS, Children of teen mothers are at a greater risk of
2 health problems, low intellectual and academic achievement,
3 social behavior problems and teenage pregnancy; and

4 WHEREAS, Increased community awareness about the seriousness
5 of teenage pregnancy is paramount to prevention efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, The problem of teenage pregnancy needs to be
7 addressed by all levels of government, the educational system,
8 health care delivery services, families and churches; therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend and
11 support all efforts to prevent teenage pregnancy; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
14 members and representatives of State and local government,
15 schools, health care delivery services, churches and families to
16 address teenage pregnancy and promote awareness of the problem;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
19 week of March 14 through 20, 1994, as "Teen Pregnancy Prevention
20 Week."