



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico recognizes teen pregnancy as a problem in need of a solution; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has the 3rd highest teen birth rate in the nation, with about 4,000 births to teens each year; and

WHEREAS, preventing teen pregnancy is an effective way to improve overall child and family well-being and, in particular, to reduce child poverty and out-of-wedlock childbirth; and

WHEREAS, reducing teen pregnancy will strengthen New Mexico's children, families, communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, building on the 11% drop in teen pregnancies statewide that resulted from Challenge 2005, the New Mexico Department of Health Family Planning Program and the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition announce a new challenge—CHALLENGE 2010: reduce the teen birth rate in New Mexico by 15% from 2006 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, on May 2nd, New Mexico teens are encouraged to take part in a national online quiz sponsored by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 2007 as:

"Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Mary Herrera in cursive.

Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
1st day of May, 2007.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico

Handwritten signature of Bill Richardson in cursive.

Bill Richardson
Governor

