

# City of Sumter

South Carolina

## **P**roclamation

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA    )  
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COUNTY OF SUMTER            )  
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WHEREAS,                    teen pregnancies have far-reaching consequences that adversely affect the health, education and economic future of South Carolina's young people; and

WHEREAS,                    in 2010, more than 6,000 young girls, ages 15 – 19 gave birth in our state; and

WHEREAS,                    teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 26% between 2000-2010; and

WHEREAS,                    teen birth rates in South Carolina decreased by 13% between 2009-2010, the lowest teen birth rate for girls ages 15-19 ever recorded in South Carolina; and

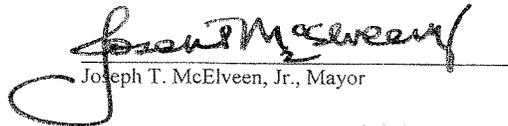
WHEREAS,                    however, the progress in teen birth rate reductions that saved South Carolina taxpayers an estimated \$127 million in 2008 alone should not suggest decreases in investment and commitment to this issue; and

WHEREAS,                    Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month is an opportunity for parents, teens, educators, program providers, faith based organizations, local elected leaders and statewide policymakers to work together to reduce and prevent teen pregnancy in South Carolina.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that I, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Sumter, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2012** as

*"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"*  
*in the*  
*CITY OF SUMTER*

and urge the citizens of this community to join me in observing this month and hope that – in some modest way – it will help teens think carefully about sex, relationships, contraception, the possibility of pregnancy, and the lifelong challenges of being a parent.

  
Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

