

**ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 2010 AS
"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, teen pregnancy is a serious problem that significantly impacts the health and well-being of teenagers, their families and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, nearly 750,000 U.S. teens get pregnant each year and the teen birthrate in the U.S. is on the rise, ending a 14 year decline in teen pregnancy statistics according to a report published last year by the Centers for Disease control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, teen mothers are less likely to receive prenatal care, complete high school or receive a college degree and more likely to live in poverty than those who delay childbearing; and

WHEREAS, the children of teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and at low birth weight, grow up in poverty, experience abuse and neglect, and enter the child welfare system than the children of those who delay motherhood; and

WHEREAS, in California, Latina teen girls are more likely than not to become pregnant before the age of twenty, Native American teens have a birth rate double that of non-Hispanic white teens and African American teens have a birth rate triple that of non-Hispanic white teens; and

WHEREAS, providing comprehensive and medically accurate sexuality education in Shasta County high schools and middle schools will decrease teen pregnancy and encourage teens to abstain; and

WHEREAS, positive community partnerships between Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo, the Health Improvement Partnership and the Anderson Teen Center will promote healthy lifestyles and responsible decision making among youth in an effort to reduce teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood: Shasta-Diablo is a reliable source of sexuality education, providing families with the tools they need to communicate about making health decisions; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to fix this teen pregnancy health care crisis and reduce unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections among teenagers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Anderson does hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 as **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month** in the City of Anderson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Anderson to be affixed this 18th day of May 2010.

Norma Comnick, Mayor