

**ANDERSON CITY COUNCIL
PROCLAMATION**

**PROCLAIMING MAY 2009 AS THE
"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 teens get pregnant each year and a new report published earlier this year by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicates that the teen birthrate is on the rise for the second straight year, ending a 14 year decline in teen pregnancy statistics; 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, Latina and African-American teen girls are more likely to become pregnant before the age of twenty, and Native American teens have a birth rate more than double 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 sex 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 pregnancy sexually transmitted infections among teenagers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Anderson does hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 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 5^h day of May 2009.

Butch Schaefer, Mayor