

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

“Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Awareness Month”

WHEREAS, *Teen pregnancy is a social determinant of health that crosses all racial, cultural and socio-economic lines, and teen parenthood has emotional, health, and financial consequences that impact teens, their families and society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS, *Providing young people the education and resources to prevent unintended pregnancy remains urgent, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that the teen birth rate in the U.S. has declined, but remains the highest of the industrialized world, and the California teen birth rate has declined though rates in the San Joaquin Valley have remained the highest in the state; and*

WHEREAS, *Young people are less likely to face pregnancy if they have certain protective factors, including: open communication with adults about contraception; supportive parents; and accurate knowledge about sexual health, pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and the option of abstinence;*

WHEREAS, *For every dollar spent preventing unintended pregnancy, California saves an additional \$7.09 in future medical and social services costs; and*

WHEREAS, *Planned Parenthood Mar Monte’s Education Department’s diverse partnerships with non-profits, government and community members have played a significant role in reducing teen birth rates in the area by focusing on prevention through comprehensive sex education and access to quality affordable health care.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the City of Fresno Mayor and City Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 to be:*

“Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Awareness Month”

in the City of Fresno

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 16th day of May 2019.*

ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember, District 1

LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor

PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Council President, District 4

MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice-President, District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember, District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember, District 6

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