

## **P R O C L A M A T I O N**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the positive development of our children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, adolescent pregnancy continues to be a serious and complex national and local issue that impacts the social, economic, health and developmental outcomes of all our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria has one of the highest teen pregnancy rates in Northern Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1991, Alexandria public and private youth-serving agencies have worked together to reduce adolescent pregnancy and promote services to adolescent parents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Reducing Teen Pregnancy and the Interagency Consortium on Adolescent Pregnancy merged to form the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP), and the Alexandria City Council appropriated \$100,000 in 2000 to achieve the goal of reducing teen pregnancy by 25 percent in five years and to initiate a media campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, ACAP successfully exceeded City Council's teen pregnancy rate reduction goals and achieved a 54 percent rate reduction over a fifteen year period through culturally and age appropriate education, advocacy, technical assistance, direct service prevention programs and public awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, ACAP launched the Keep it 360 youth-run, youth-led multimedia campaign which has successfully reached thousands of youth and adults with messages about prevention; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 and 2016, ACAP was awarded a federal grant from the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and has successfully reached thousands of youth with evidence-based teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection prevention education; and

**WHEREAS**, May is the National Month to Prevent Teen Pregnancy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALLISON SILBERBERG**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as:

### **“TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH”**

*In Alexandria, and I call upon our residents to observe this month by supporting activities and initiatives that focus on enhancing our efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancy.*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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**MAYOR ALLISON SILBERBERG**

*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

**ATTEST:**

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*Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk*