

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Each year, October is recognized nationwide as “Let’s Talk Month” to encourage young people and their parents and caregivers to have open and honest discussions about sexuality and related topics, such as gender and sexual orientation, body image, relationships and preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections; and



WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Health recognizes that having “the talk” with your teen about sex is sometimes difficult; however, it’s critically important to have a series of discussions that begin early, happen often, and continue over time which can make more of a difference than a single conversation; and



WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Health, through its Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, Skills, Knowledge and Youth Empowerment (SKYE) Project, provides evidence-based sexual health education to adolescents, and tips and tools for parents and teens on how to have those uncomfortable conversations; and



WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates that when parents communicate honestly and openly with their teens about sex, relationships, and the prevention of HIV/STI’s, and pregnancy, they can help promote their teen’s health and reduce the chances that their teen will engage in behaviors that place them at risk; and



WHEREAS, Fulton County Board of Health and its SKYE Project partners, Street Smart Youth Project, Atlanta Police Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta, City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation, JD Rosen Family Foundation, and VOX ATL, have implemented a systems approach to promote teen health by ensuring teens, parents and caregivers, and youth-serving organizations have access to education, training and support;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Fulton Board of Health for their commitment to ensuring that adolescents and their parents have access to accurate information and tools to help reduce unplanned pregnancies to help teens achieve optimal health, and does hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as “**LET’S TALK MONTH**” in Fulton County, Georgia.



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