

Legislation Text

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## Fiscal Note No appropriation required. Title Madison Empowering Responsibility in Teens Month Body

WHEREAS, the Madison Empowering Responsibility in Teens (MERIT) program, a collaboration between Goodman Community Center and Kenney Heights Community Center, made possible through funding from the Office of Adolescent Health; and

WHEREAS, MERIT is a comprehensive program that engages a holistic approach to positive youth development including direct education, discussion, and relationship building with additional program components including academic, leadership, community service and enrichment opportunities for MERIT participants; and

WHEREAS, MERIT partners with the Madison community in eleven Madison schools, nine community centers, and eight other organizations serving youth and parents of teens; and

WHEREAS, MERIT has provided quality program implementation, reaching over 2,000 teens over a four year period and increased the likelihood of youth making safe and responsible choices around risky health behaviors; and

WHEREAS, MERIT is committed to the well-being of youth through integrated, innovative, culturally relevant adolescent programs and has responded to the challenges among youth regarding teen pregnancy, healthy relationships, and positive youth development through a city-wide project designed to empower youth to make responsible decisions in order to thrive and protect their dreams;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Paul R. Soglin, the Mayor of the City of Madison, Wisconsin, does hereby proclaim May 2014 as

## MADISON EMPOWERING RESPONSIBILITY IN TEENS MONTH

in the city of Madison, Wisconsin.