

Pastor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, marriage is the first institution created by the LORD before any other, and the biblical model is defined as consisting of one man and one woman joined by the LORD; and

WHEREAS, marriage is the foundational relationship for all of society, and good marriages are the bedrock of strong societies, for they are also the foundations of strong families; and

WHEREAS, marriage continues to be the most popular voluntary institution in that over 90% of individuals in our society marry at least once; and

WHEREAS, based on a wealth of academic research, married people tend to have healthier lifestyles, live longer, have more satisfying sexual relationships, have more wealth & economic assets, and have children that tend to do better academically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, divorce costs, financial & relational, have a significant negative impact on our society, but by supporting and encouraging strong marriages, every unit of investment brings a positive multi-fold return into our society; and

WHEREAS, in *NAME OF CHURCH* and beyond, according to the holy scriptures in Hebrews 13:4, marriage should be honored by all for the good of all

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *NAME OF PASTOR* on behalf of *NAME OF CHURCH*, do hereby proclaim on this *7th* day of *February* *YEAR* that:

February 7 Through February 14 to Be Recognized as NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

in *NAME OF CHURCH* and recommend that the members of *NAME OF CHURCH* recognize the significance and contribution that strong marriages and families have on our society.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and signed this proclamation, this *7th* day of *February*, *YEAR*.



Pastor's Name & Title

Attester's Name & Title