

FROM THE OFFICE OF
MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS we come together this week to reaffirm marriage as the foundation of healthy families and a healthy future for America; and

WHEREAS in every known human society, marriage creates new families, and binds them together in a network of affection, mutual aid, and mutual obligation, commits parents to their children, and connects children to a wider network of welcoming kin; and

WHEREAS mounting scientific evidence confirms that when the marriage tie frays, our children suffer. Children raised outside of marriage are more likely to commit crime, to fail at school and at work, to abuse drugs, to lapse into physical and mental illness, to become teen parents, to suffer material deprivation and to become the victims of child abuse; and

WHEREAS marriage creates the safest space for children to flourish, the only practical way for children to enjoy the full emotional, moral, and financial protection of both parents. We acknowledge the irreplaceable importance of lasting, healthy marriage to the well-being of children and, therefore, to the future of our nation; and

WHEREAS we honor marriage as the extraordinary vow that ordinary people make and guide their lives by every day; and

WHEREAS we wish to applaud and encourage efforts by communities to strengthen marriage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Ashley Swearengin, do hereby proclaim the week of February 8-14, 2009 to be

CELEBRATE MARRIAGE WEEK

in the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 10th day of February, 2009.

MAYOR ASHLEY SWEARENGIN

