

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS,

Mayor's from across Alabama recognize Healthy Marriage Month during February to coincide with the Governor's Proclamation of the same; and

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it is widely known that children who grow up in loving, stable homes have the best chance of doing well on a whole host of outcomes; and

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marriage in every known human society creates new families, binds men and women together in a network of affection, mutual aid and obligation, commits parents to their children, and connects children to a wider network of welcoming kin. Marriage is the outward, visible sign of a man and a woman's desire to create a lasting love, and forge a tie so strong that a child's heart can rely upon it; and

WHEREAS,

mounting scientific evidence confirms that families are the first and foremost school of life, uniquely suited to teach children integrity, character, morals, responsibility, service and wisdom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby **PROCLAIM** the month of February 2009, as

HEALTHY MARRIAGE MONTH

in Prattville, Alabama, and urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of healthy marriages in the fabric of our daily life.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of this City to be affixed.*

Mayor: _____

February 2, 2009

