



# Proclamation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

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

*WHEREAS, 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*

*WHEREAS, 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.*

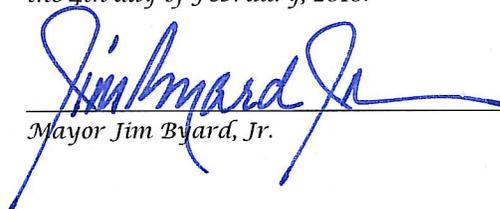
*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Byard, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010 as*

## 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.*



Given Under My Hand and the  
Seal of the City of Prattville on  
the 4th day of February, 2010.

  
Mayor Jim Byard, Jr.