

Oklahoma City – Mayor’s Proclamation for Marriage Week

WHEREAS, marriage should be honored by all, because it is an important and valued component of strong families and communities across Oklahoma City, our state and our nation; and

WHEREAS, February 14 is traditionally celebrated as St. Valentine's Day, when married couples and others celebrate the value of and importance of loving personal relationships in their lives; and

WHEREAS, marriage is a valuable institution for those who choose to marry and is the foundation of many strong families in Oklahoma City; and,

WHEREAS, marriage represents the strong commitment a man and woman make to love each other, to support each other and to build a family together; and,

WHEREAS, Oklahoma has traditionally had a high rate of divorce, thereby impacting our city and state economically, emotionally and spiritually, and

WHEREAS, marriage is worthy of the support and encouragement of all members of society for its ability to uplift individuals and children because it provides a framework for positive and supportive role models for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICK CORNETT, Mayor of the City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim February 7-14, 2005, as MARRIAGE WEEK in the City of Oklahoma City, and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of marriage and to commit themselves to valuing, strengthening and supporting strong marriages, beginning with their own.