

**RESOLUTION HONORING CELEBRATION OF
MARRIAGE WEEK**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature designates February 7-14, 2005 as Marriage Week in the state of Utah.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ designates February 7-14, 2005 as Marriage Week in the state of Utah; and
- ▶ encourages all Utahns to reflect on the importance of strengthening the institution of marriage.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the legal marriage between a man and a woman is the cornerstone of healthy family life;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone brings security, commitment, meaning, joy, and spiritual maturity to the man and the woman who enter this lifelong covenant with unselfish commitment;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone provides children with a safe haven in which to grow, learn, and experience life from the hands of caring parents;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone buoys and unburdens society from the costly impacts of dysfunction and helps to mitigate continued cycles of dysfunction;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone creates interconnected communities of family, generations, neighborhoods, faiths, and the nation;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone engenders family autonomy and pluralism that are the frontline defenses in preserving the nation's political freedoms;

WHEREAS, this cornerstone advances economic prosperity and hedges families against difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, this cornerstone, marriage, is ordained of God to perpetuate the human race and to prosper both men and women:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, in recognition of this vital and essential institution, designates the week of February 7-14, 2005 as Marriage Week in the state of Utah and encourages all Utahns to reflect on the importance of marriage generally, and their own marriages specifically, for the purpose of strengthening its influence, appeal, and affect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor's Commission on Marriage.