



Marriage Week

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

WHEREAS, a healthy, loving marriage deserves our special respect because it provides irreplaceable personal happiness and creates the safest place for children to flourish and to enjoy the full emotional, moral, educational and financial benefits of both parents; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that men and women who marry and stay married in mutually supportive relationships generally live longer, experience better health, and enjoy more satisfying lives; and

WHEREAS, marriage breakdown takes a toll on the emotional, physical and financial well-being of all family members and communities and also increases the cost to taxpayers of many public human services programs; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community are committed to promoting enrichment opportunities and resources that strengthen marital relationships and enhance personal growth, mutual fulfillment and family well-being; and

WHEREAS, we wish to applaud and encourage efforts by community citizens, faith communities, businesses, organizations, and local government and community leaders to strengthen marriages in a variety of ways, including marriage education programs, conferences, enrichment seminars and public policies that support marriage.

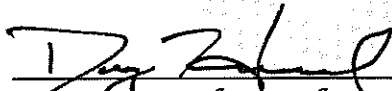
NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby recognize February 7 - 14, 2012 as

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in Carroll County, and commend this observance to all citizens to recognize and honor the institution of marriage.

Adopted this 31st day of January, 2012

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