

Office of the Mayor

Millbrook, Alabama

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS*, it is recognized that marriage is an honored, important and valued component of strong families and strong communities across Alabama and our nation; and

*WHEREAS*, February is traditionally celebrated as healthy marriage month throughout our nation as a way to acknowledge the importance of the commitment marriage represents in forming the foundation of healthy families, healthy children, and a healthy community; and

*WHEREAS*, mounting scientific evidence confirms that when the marriage tie frays, the marital partners and their children suffer. Children raised outside of marriage often face increased difficulties and obstacles in life; and

*WHEREAS*, a healthy marriage creates the safest environment for our children to grow and to develop physically, socially, and emotionally; and

*WHEREAS*, it is further recognized through research that men and women live longer, healthier, and more satisfying lives when they are fortunate to live within a healthy marriage. We wish to applaud the efforts of all individuals who strive to create and nurture the loving bond that is the foundation for a healthy marriage.

*WHEREAS*, we wish to applaud the efforts being put forth by non-profit organizations, the faith community, and our civic leaders to strengthen families and our community through marriage education programs and services; and

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Al Kelley, Mayor of the City of Millbrook, Alabama do hereby proclaim February, 2008 as **HEALTHY MARRIAGE MONTH** in the City of Millbrook.

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

ATTEST

DATE:



*Al Kelley*  
*Alicia M. Mercer*  
*February, 2008*