

# 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 that marriage represents in forming the foundation of healthy community, healthy children and healthy families; and*

**Whereas:** *Families are first and foremost uniquely suited to teach children integrity, character, morals, responsibility, service and wisdom; and*

**Whereas:** *Research indicates that a healthy marriage creates the safest environment for our children to grow and develop physically, socially and emotionally; and*

**Whereas:** *We wish to applaud the efforts of all individuals, non-profit organizations, and the faith-based community who strive to create and nurture the loving bond that is the foundation for a healthy marriage.*

*Now, Therefore, We, Walter Maddox, Mayor of the City of Tuscaloosa; Bobby Herndon, Mayor of the City of Northport; W. Hardy McCollum, Probate Judge and Chairman of the Tuscaloosa County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2010, as*

## **“HEALTHY MARRIAGE MONTH”**

*in Tuscaloosa, Northport, and Tuscaloosa County, and encourage citizens to be involved in healthy marriage education services and programs and recognize the importance of marriage to our children and community.*

*In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the Corporate Seals to be affixed this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2010.*

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*Walter Maddox, Mayor  
City of Tuscaloosa, AL*



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*Bobby Herndon, Mayor  
City of Northport, AL*



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*Judge Hardy McCollum, Chairman  
Tuscaloosa County Commission, AL*

