

1 State of Arkansas  
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HR 1006

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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 7-14, 2025, AS NATIONAL  
10 MARRIAGE WEEK.

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13 **Subtitle**

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15 NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK.

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17 WHEREAS, marriage is the foundational relationship for all of society,  
18 and good marriages are the bedrock of strong societies, for they are also the  
19 foundation of strong families; and

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21 WHEREAS, based on a wealth of academic research, married people tend to  
22 have healthier lifestyles, longer life expectancies, more satisfying sexual  
23 relationships, and more wealth and economic assets; and

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25 WHEREAS, based on a wealth of academic research, healthy marriages  
26 decrease crime, domestic violence, substance abuse, poverty, juvenile  
27 delinquency, and suicide risk; and

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29 WHEREAS, the effects of a healthy marriage on children are extremely  
30 pronounced, since children who grow up with both a mother and father who are  
31 married are much more likely to graduate from high school, obtain a college  
32 degree, have higher earnings in adulthood, and do better academically and  
33 emotionally; and

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35 WHEREAS, healthy marriages save taxpayers throughout the nation  
36 hundreds of millions of dollars annually by reducing many households' need



1 for government assistance; and

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3 WHEREAS, marriage breakdown and divorce take a toll on the emotional,  
4 physical, and financial well-being of not only the family nucleus but also  
5 extended family members and all of society as well, but strong marriages act  
6 as a force multiplier of community building across the state; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is committed to ensuring that Arkansas  
9 continues to be a leader in developing innovative strategies to strengthen  
10 and support families and a positive future for the state's citizens; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas commends and encourages a sustained  
13 effort by residents, faith communities, businesses, organizations, and  
14 community leaders to strengthen marriages in a variety of ways, including  
15 healthy marriage and relationship education programs, conferences,  
16 celebrations, and public policies that support marriage,

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18 NOW THEREFORE,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 THAT the House of Representatives acknowledge the institution of  
23 marriage as a healthy and stabilizing force for good in society and recognize  
24 February 7-14, 2025, as National Marriage Week.