

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; marriage 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 relatives; and

WHEREAS; a healthy, loving marriage deserves 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 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 the entire family, and increases the public cost for human service programs; and

WHEREAS; our citizens are committed to promoting enrichment opportunities and resources that strengthen marriages and family well-being; and

WHEREAS; I wish to applaud and encourage efforts by citizens, faith communities, businesses, organizations, and community leaders to strengthen marriages through educational programs, conferences, enrichment seminars and public policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 7 – 14, 2012, as

MARRIAGE WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison, this 18th day of January 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Walker".

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State