

“The first bond of society is marriage.”

Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 B.C.)

Roman Statesman and Orator

CELEBRATING MARRIAGE WEEK USA:

Individuals, couples, or organizations are invited to celebrate Marriage Week USA (February 7-14).

Following are some suggestions:

- If married, celebrate your own marriage with your husband or wife for the time you have been together.
- Honor a member of your extended family whose marriage has had a significant positive impact on your own life. Invite other family members to participate.
- Honor a couple or couples in your community who have been married fifty years or more and have celebrated a Golden Wedding Anniversary. Invite teenagers and young adults to participate in planning the celebration.
- Encourage civic, community or religious leaders to acknowledge Marriage Week USA with an official endorsement, announcement or declaration and help promote Marriage Week USA with appropriate activities.
- Invite local religious leaders to acknowledge the importance of marriage and/or Marriage Week USA in their weekly religious services.
- Identify the couple in your community, region or state who has been married for the longest period of time and give them due recognition.
- Organize a marriage conference in your civic or religious community during Marriage Week USA. Invite appropriate speakers to address the conference.
- Invite local business organizations, merchants or other interested groups to participate in Marriage Week USA in ways conducive to their particular situations and circumstances.
- Ask members of the local media (newspaper, radio, television) to help promote Marriage Week USA. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper stating why you think marriage is important and your intentions to celebrate Marriage Week USA.
- Suggest or assign young people in public schools, youth groups or at home to write a brief report on a married couple they deem to be significant. Where possible, identify the date, place and circumstances of the marriage. The couple could be living relatives, ancestors or a husband and wife of local, state or national significance. Teachers, youth leaders or parents could assist in identifying various couples for recognition. Help students learn the various customs and traditions of how and when marriages have occurred in this country.
- Encourage local television and radio stations, movie theaters or drama companies to celebrate Marriage Week USA with appropriate programs, films or productions.