



City of Chattanooga
Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

- Whereas:** The Executive Summary of “The Taxpayer Costs of Divorce and Unwed Childbearing” reports that family fragmentation is an extremely high cost to United States taxpayers each and every year; and
- Whereas:** Recent research suggests that enduring stable marriages are the results of spouses making and keeping their commitments to one another and getting support from family, friends, church and community; and
- Whereas:** Local Churches are focused on nourishing and honoring married couples by establishing an atmosphere that encourages unconditional love and forgiveness; and
- Whereas:** The ongoing work of Covenant Keepers, Inc. and area pastors continue to unite our faith community and lead the way for marriages to endure and thrive in challenging times; and
- Whereas:** I am encouraged at the untiring efforts of Covenant Keepers, and their partner churches by their ongoing work to strengthen marriages through hands-on training, educational programs, seminars, and its city-wide annual “Marriage Recognition Sunday”; and

Now Therefore,

I, Ron Littlefield, Mayor of the City of Chattanooga,
in conjunction with National Marriage Week, February 7 – 14, do hereby proclaim
Sunday, February 13, 2011, as:

“Marriage Recognition Sunday”

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Seal of the City of Chattanooga to be affixed this the
13th day of February, 2011

Ron Littlefield, Mayor