**Unmarried and Single Americans Week, Sept. 18-24, 2011**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- "National Singles Week" was started by the Buckeye Singles Council in Ohio in the 1980s to celebrate single life and recognize singles and their contributions to society. The week is now widely observed during the third full week of September (Sept. 18-24 in 2011) as "Unmarried and Single Americans Week," an acknowledgment that many unmarried Americans do not identify with the word "single" because they are parents, have partners or are widowed. In this edition of Facts for Features, unmarried people include those who were never married, widowed, or divorced, unless otherwise noted.

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*Single Life*

Source for statements in this section: America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam/cps2010.html> Tables A1 and A2

*99.6 million*

Number of unmarried people in America 18 and older in 2010. This group comprised 43.6 percent of all U.S. residents 18 and older.

*44.9%*

Percentage of unmarried U.S. residents America 18 and older who were women.

*61%*

Percentage of unmarried U.S. residents 18 and older who had never been married. Another

23.8 percent were divorced, and 14.4 percent were widowed.

*16.4 million*

Number of unmarried U.S. residents 65 and older. The elderly comprised 16.5 percent of all unmarried and single people 18 and older.

*88*

Number of unmarried men 18 and older for every 100 unmarried women in the

United States.

*59.1 million*

Number of households maintained by unmarried men or women. These households comprised

45 percent of households nationwide.

*31.4 million*

Number of people who lived alone. They comprised 27 percent of all households, up from 17 percent in 1970.

*Parenting*

*35%*

Percentage of women age 15 to 50 with a birth in the last 12 months, as of 2009, who were widowed, divorced or never married.

Source: 2009 American Community Survey <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>> Data Profile, Social Characteristics

*11.7 million*

Number of single parents living with their children in 2010. Of these, 9.9 million were single mothers and 1.8 million were single fathers.

Source: America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam/cps2010.html> Tables FG5

*38%*

Percentage of opposite-sex, unmarried-partner households that included at least one biological child of either partner.

Source: America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam/cps2010.html> Table UC3

*792,000*

Number of unmarried grandparents who were caregivers for their grandchildren in 2009. They comprised about three in 10 grandparents who were responsible for their grandchildren.

Source: 2009 American Community Survey <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>> Table B10057

*Unmarried Couples*

*6.5 million*

Number of unmarried-partner households in 2009. Of this number, 581,300 were same-sex households.

Source: 2009 American Community Survey <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>> Table B11009

*Dating*

*393*

The number of dating service establishments nationwide as of 2007. These establishments, which include Internet dating services, employed nearly 3,125 people and generated $928 million in revenues.

Source: 2007 Economic Census

<<http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/IBQTable?_bm=y&-ds_name=EC0781A1&-NAICS2007=8129902&-ib_type=NAICS2007&-geo_id=01000US&-_industry=8129902&-_lang=en&-fds_name=EC0700A1>>

*Voters*

*38%*

Percentage of voters in the 2008 presidential election who were unmarried.

Source: Voting and Registration in the Election of 2008

http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/publications/p20/2008/tables.html

Table 11

*Education*

*85%*

Percentage of unmarried people 25 and older in 2010 who had a high school diploma or more.

Source: Educational Attainment in the United States: 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education/cps2010.html> Table 2

*25%*

Percentage of unmarried people 25 and older in 2010 with a bachelor's degree or more education.

Source: Educational Attainment in the United States: 2010

<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education/cps2010.html>Table 2

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African-American History Month (February) Labor Day Super Bowl Grandparents Day Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) 15-Oct. 15) Women's History Month (March) Unmarried and Single Americans Week Irish-American Heritage Month (March)/ Halloween (Oct. 31) American Indian/Alaska Native St. Patrick's Day (March 17) Heritage Month (November) Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month (May) Veterans Day (Nov. 11) Older Americans Month (May) Thanksgiving Day Cinco de Mayo (May 5) The Holiday Season (December) Mother's Day Father's Day The Fourth of July (July 4) Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26) Back to School (August)

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