

### CIVIL MARRIAGE VOWS

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses to join \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ together in matrimony. The contract of marriage is a most solemn one, and one not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously and with a deep realization of its obligations and responsibilities. If anyone can show just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together, let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

Will you \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 1) take \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 2) here present to be your lawful wedded spouse?

Will you \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 2) take \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 1) here present to be your lawful wedded spouse?

AT THIS POINT SAY: Please join hands

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 1), take you, \_\_\_\_\_, (name/party 2) for my lawful spouse, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: I \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 2) take you, \_\_\_\_\_, (name/party 1) for my lawful spouse, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

(IF RINGS ARE USED, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE REPEATED BY EACH PARTNER AS THE RINGS ARE PUT ON).

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: (party 1) With this ring, I thee wed.

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: (party 2) With this ring, I thee wed.

TO BOTH: Please join hands

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 1) take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 2), to be my lawful spouse."

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 2) take thee \_\_\_\_\_ (name/party 1), to be my lawful spouse."

By the power and authority vested by law in me as Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, I now pronounce you lawfully married.

## MARRIAGE CEREMONY

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses to join this man and this woman together in matrimony. The contract of marriage is a most solemn one and not to be entered into lightly, but thoughtfully and seriously and with a deep realization of it's obligations and responsibilities. If anyone can show just cause why they should not be lawfully joined together let him speak now, or else forever hold his peace.

(TO THE GROOM) \_\_\_\_\_, will you take \_\_\_\_\_ here present, for your lawful wife?

ANSWER; (I will)

(TO THE BRIDE) \_\_\_\_\_, will you take \_\_\_\_\_ here present, for your lawful husband?

ANSWER; (I will)

(Direct Bride and Groom to join hands)

(TO THE GROOM) Repeat after me---I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_ for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

(TO THE BRIDE) Repeat after me---I, \_\_\_\_\_, take you \_\_\_\_\_ for my lawful husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

(To be repeated as ring is placed on finger by the Groom)  
With this ring, I thee wed.

(To be repeated as ring is placed on finger by the Bride)  
With this ring, I thee wed.

(If no ring, continue below)

TO GROOM: Repeat after me ---I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawful wedded wife.

TO WIFE: Repeat after me ---I, \_\_\_\_\_, take thee, \_\_\_\_\_ to be my lawful wedded husband.

By the power and authority vested by law in me as Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County, and the State of Maryland, I now pronounce you husband and wife.