

MARRIAGE VOWS

WE ARE GATHERED HERE IN THE PRESENCE OF THESE WITNESSES (THIS WITNESS), TO JOIN _____ (NAME) AND _____ (NAME) TOGETHER IN MATRIMONY. THE CONTRACT MARRIAGE IS A MOST SOLEMN ONE AND 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 THEM SPEAK NOW OR ELSE FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE.

(THEN TO EACH IN TURN, GIVING THEIR NAMES AS APPROPRIATE)

_____ (NAME) WILL YOU TAKE _____ (NAME) HERE PRESENT, FOR YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED SPOUSE?

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(AT THIS POINT ASK THE PARITES TO JOIN HANDS AND FACE EACH OTHER)

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I _____ (NAME), TAKE YOU _____ (NAME), 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.

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(IF RINGS ARE USED, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE REPEATED BY EACH PARTY AS THE RINGS ARE PLACED ON THE FINGER)

WITH THIS RING, I THEE WED

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(ASK PARTIES TO REJOIN HANDS) (IF NO RINGS ARE EXCHANGED)

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BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED BY LAW IN ME AS AUTHORIZED CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU LAWFULLY MARRIED.

YOU MAY KISS