

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONY

WELCOME LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE (, IN THE PRESENCE OF THESE WITNESSES/THIS WITNESS,) TO JOIN (Full Name: _____) AND (Full Name: _____) 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 ITS OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (IF ANYONE CAN SHOW JUST CAUSE WHY THIS COUPLE SHOULD NOT BE LAWFULLY JOINED TOGETHER, LET THEM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE.)

To Party 1:
WILL YOU, (Full Name: _____), TAKE (Full Name: _____) TO BE YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED _____? Husband/Wife/Spouse

Answer: "I will."

To Party 2:
WILL YOU, (Full Name: _____), TAKE (Full Name: _____) TO BE YOUR LAWFUL WEDDED _____? Husband/Wife/Spouse

Answer: "I will."

To Both:
PLEASE TURN AND FACE EACH OTHER AND JOIN HANDS.

To Party 1:
REPEAT AFTER ME - - I, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TAKE YOU, (First Name/Nickname) _____, FOR MY (Husband/Wife/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.

To Party 2:
REPEAT AFTER ME - - I, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TAKE YOU, (First Name/Nickname) _____, FOR MY (Husband/Wife/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 EXCHANGING RINGS:

To Party 1: DO YOU HAVE A RING FOR _____?

ANSWER: Yes, I do.

To Party 1: PLEASE PLACE THE RING ON THE THIRD FINGER OF _____'S LEFT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME - "WITH THIS RING, I THEE WED."

To Party 2: DO YOU HAVE A RING FOR _____?

ANSWER: Yes, I do.

To Party 2: PLEASE PLACE THE RING ON THE THIRD FINGER OF _____'S LEFT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME - "WITH THIS RING, I THEE WED."

To both::
PLEASE JOIN HANDS AGAIN.

To Party 1: REPEAT AFTER ME: I, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TAKE THEE, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TO BE MY LAWFUL WEDDED _____.
Husband/Wife/Spouse

To Party 2: REPEAT AFTER ME: I, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TAKE THEE, (First Name/Nickname) _____, TO BE MY LAWFUL WEDDED _____.
Husband/Wife/Spouse

BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND AS JUDGE OF THE

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU _____.

Husband and Wife;
Husband and Husband;
Wife and Wife; OR
Lawfully Married