

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
WORCESTER COUNTY  
STATE OF MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

(Regarding when, where and the form of  
marriage ceremonies performed by the  
clerk or deputy clerk)

WHEREAS, certain sections of the Family Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland have been amended requiring changes in the form of the marriage ceremony recited by the clerk or deputy clerk and the parties being married; and

WHEREAS, the county administrative judge is required by statute to designate when and where the clerk or deputy clerk may perform a marriage ceremony and the form of the marriage ceremony to be recited by the clerk or deputy clerk and the parties being married;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is this 13~~th~~ day of December, 2012, effective January 1, 2013, ORDERED by the Circuit Court for Worcester County, Maryland as follows:

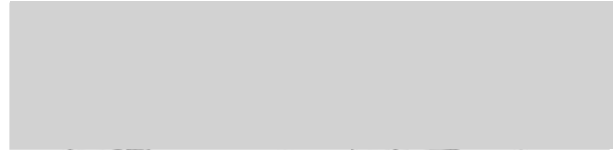
- (a) Marriage ceremonies shall be performed at the Worcester County Court House when the court or clerk's office is open for the transaction of business during normal business hours.
- (b) The marriage ceremony form attached to this Order of Court is incorporated herein and made a part hereof and shall be used by the clerk or deputy clerk to perform marriage ceremonies.

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STEPHEN V. HALES  
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(c) This Administrative Order, together with the marriage ceremony form attached, shall be recorded among the Court Proceedings records of this Court.



Thomas C. Groton III

Administrative Judge

Marriage Vows

We are gathered here in the presence of these witnesses, to join \_\_\_\_\_ (name) and \_\_\_\_\_ (name) 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 this couple should not be lawfully joined together, let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

(Then to each in turn, giving their names as appropriate).

Will you \_\_\_\_\_ (name) take \_\_\_\_\_ (name) to be your lawful wedded spouse?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

(Repeat above).

(DIRECT THE PARTIES TO JOIN HANDS)

AT THIS POINT SAY: Please join hands and face each other....

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

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: "I \_\_\_\_\_ (name), take you, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

(REPEAT ABOVE)

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

PLEASE REPEAT AFTER ME: With this ring, I thee wed.

(REPEAT ABOVE).

TO BOTH: Please join hands

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

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

(REPEAT ABOVE).

By the power and authority vested in me by the State of Maryland as the authorized Deputy Clerk (Clerk of Court) for Worcester County, Maryland, I now pronounce you lawfully married.

2012, December 13 The foregoing certificate  
filed and forthwith recorded in Court Proceedings  
S.V.H. No. 0032 Folios 178-180

Richard Gales Clerk