

Civil Marriage Ceremony

Partner A to Partner B

Day, Date, Time

Place

Presiding Official: Mayor, Deputy Mayor

We gather here to unite Partner A & Partner B in marriage, to reflect their commitment to each other. Their decision to marry has not been entered into lightly and today they publicly declare their private devotion to each other.

A loving marriage is one in which neither person is overpowered nor absorbed by the other, one in which neither person is possessive of the other. It is, ideally, a sharing of love and dreams, hopes and joys, and responsibilities.

This marriage ceremony is the public declaration of the full and legal commitment of Partner A & Partner B in accord with the Laws of the State of New Jersey.

PUBLIC VOWS

Presiding Official:

Partner A & Partner B do you both come here freely and without reservation to pledge to share your lives with one another, in a legal, committed and binding relationship? Do you promise to honor and tenderly care for one another, cherish and encourage each other, stand together in marriage, through sorrows and joys, hardships and triumphs for all the days of your lives?

Response: We do.

President Official:

Do you both pledge to share your love and the joys of your marriage with all those around you, so that they may learn from your love and be encouraged to grow in their own lives?

Response: We do.

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

May the rings that you are about to (have exchanged) exchange serve as a public symbol of your marriage. As often as either of you look upon these rings, may you not only be reminded of this moment, but also of the vows you have made and the strength of your commitment to each other.

Partner A please repeat after me.

I, Partner A take you Partner B as my spouse (or husband/wife). I pledge to share my love and life with you. I promise to cherish my relationship with you and our relationship together. I promise to encourage you go grow as an individual, and to care for you in sickness and in health for the rest of my life. This commitment is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new. (With this ring I commit to our marriage and pledge to you my love.)

Partner B, please repeat after me.

I, Partner B take you Partner A, as my spouse (husband/wife). I pledge to share my love and life with you. I promise to cherish my relationship with you and our relationship together. I promise to encourage you to grow as an individual and to care for you in sickness and in health for the rest of my

life. This commitment is made in love, kept in faith, lived in hope, and eternally made new. (With this ring I commit to our marriage and pledge to you my love.)

Official: (Join Hands)

Partner A & Partner B have made their public commitment to each other to join their lives together in marriage. They have symbolized this commitment by joining hands (&) taking vows (and by exchanging rings.)

For as much as Partner A & Partner B have pledged their faith to each other and have declared the same in the presence of this company, will now go in peace and love, sharing the most precious gift you both have - - the gift of your lives together.

By the virtue and power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of _____, County of _____, and the State of New Jersey, I now pronounce you married (husband & wife or husband & husband or wife & wife). Please greet them now in peace and love and they share with you the first kiss of their marriage.