

MARRIAGE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF [STATE])) ss. COUNTY OF [COUNTY WHERE THE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED])

1. Affiant

I, [AFFIANT NAME], residing at [AFFIANT ADDRESS], being first duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am over eighteen (18), of sound mind, and competent to make this Marriage Affidavit.
2. I have personal knowledge of the marriage and the matters stated herein, and I am competent to testify to the same.

2. Purpose

This Affidavit is made as sworn evidence of the marriage described below for the following purpose:
[PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT]

3. Marriage Statement

1. **Spouses.** [SPOUSE 1 FULL LEGAL NAME] and [SPOUSE 2 FULL LEGAL NAME] were lawfully married to each other.
2. **Date of marriage.** The marriage took place on .
3. **Place of marriage.** The marriage was celebrated at [PLACE OF MARRIAGE CITY COUNTY STATE].
4. **Officiant.** The marriage was solemnized by a person lawfully authorized to perform marriages in the jurisdiction in which the marriage took place.
5. **Subsisting marriage.** The marriage has not been annulled, dissolved, or terminated by divorce or death, and the parties remain lawfully married to each other as of the date of this Affidavit, except as may be expressly disclosed herein.

4. Certificate Status

An official marriage certificate has not yet been issued or is not presently available. This Affidavit is submitted in lieu of, or as a supplement to, such certificate.

5. Additional Facts

[NUMBERED FACTS ONE FACT PER PARAGRAPH]

Oath and Penalty of Perjury

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of [STATE] that I know the contents of this Affidavit signed by me and that the statements set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Affiant

Affiant

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

Notary Jurat

State of [STATE] County of [COUNTY WHERE THE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20, by [AFFIANT NAME], who is personally known to me or who produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public: _____ My commission expires: _____
[NOTARY SEAL]

***Jurat vs. acknowledgment.** This certificate is a **jurat** — the correct notarial certificate for an affidavit. A **jurat** (i) requires the affiant to appear before the notary, (ii) requires the affiant to sign in the notary's presence (no pre-signing), and (iii) includes administration of an oath or affirmation. An **acknowledgment** (used for deeds, powers of attorney, and contracts) does NOT include an oath and is the wrong certificate for an affidavit. Using an acknowledgment in place of a jurat may cause a court to reject the affidavit as defective.*