

“Contemporary Vows”

Date



THE PURPOSE

Welcome family and friends.

My name is Officiate, and I have the privilege of performing this ceremony today. On behalf of App 1 and App 2 thank you for sharing their special day with them.

All of you are present here today to witness and celebrate the union of Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 in legal matrimony according to the customs and law prevailing by the government of the Province of Ontario.

App 1 and App 2 have invited us to share in this celebration as they affirm their love before us, pledge their faith to one another and enter into the joys and privilege of marriage.

Joy in marriage is not something that just happens.

A good marriage must be created. The little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands, and remembering to say "I love you".

It is standing together facing the world and keeping the courtship alive.

It is not expecting one person to wear a halo or the other to have the wings of an angel.

But showing patience, kindness, understanding, and having a sense of humour.

It is not looking for perfection in each other, but forgiving, forgetting and letting go.

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

App 1, repeat after me please: **“I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 2”.**

App 2, repeat after me please: **“I solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful reason why I may not be joined in matrimony to App 1”.**

App 1, repeat after me, please:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I App 1, do take you App 2, to be my lawfully wedded Wife, to laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to be faithful to you alone, As long as we both shall live.”

App 2: Do you accept?

App 2, repeat after me please:

“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I App 2 do take you App 1, to be my lawfully wedded Husband, to laugh with you in joy, to grieve with you in sorrow, to grow with you in love, to be faithful to you alone, As long as we both shall live.”

App 1: Do you accept?

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Let the rings you are about to exchange be a sign that love has substance as well as soul; a present as well as a past; and that, despite its occasional sorrows, love is a circle of happiness, wonder and delight.

App 1: Do you have the ring?

Please place the ring on the third finger of App 2’s left hand repeating after me: **“App 2 this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.”**

App 2: Do you have the ring?

Please place the ring on the third finger of App 1’s left hand repeating after me: **“App 1 this ring symbolizes our union as husband and wife, for today, tomorrow and all the years to come. Please wear it as a reminder of our love.”**

May those who wear these rings live in love all of their days.

May the love, which has brought you together, continue to grow and enrich your lives.

May your relationship always be one of love and trust.

May the happiness you share today be with you always.

May everything you have said and done here today, become a living truth in your lives.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

At this time, the wedded parties and their witnesses will sign the official Marriage Register

PRONOUNCEMENT

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you exchanged today, sustain you forever.

I, Officiate, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you Applicant 1 and Applicant 2 to be husband and wife.

You may kiss!