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Note: (Mandatory statements are in brackets)

SOLEMNIZER:

We are gathered here today to witness the formal joining in the legal state of matrimony of _____ and _____, under the authority given and provided by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

Both of you should understand that marriage is not to be entered upon thoughtlessly or irresponsibly, but with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted.

As the two of you walk the road of married life together, you will quickly come to realize that marriage is not a one-sided affair. The concept of what's mine is mine and what's yours is yours will no longer apply. There will need to be a sharing in all things...and that includes the sorrows as well as the good times. You will not always agree... you will not always see eye to eye. You will not always please each other.

But that should be no cause for regret, because there are many good times to marriage that overshadow the sorrows. Each of you will have something to contribute to this marriage... both masculine qualities and feminine qualities. And when you put those qualities together, letting them work harmoniously, you will indeed have a happy marriage.

Therefore, if there is anyone present who can show just cause why these two persons may not be joined in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.)

_____, please repeat after me:

(I do solemnly declare that I do not know of any lawful impediment why I, _____, may not be joined in matrimony to _____.)

Please face each other.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, _____, do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded [wife/spouse/partner].)

To have and to hold, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

_____, please repeat after me:

(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I, _____, do take you, _____, to be my lawful wedded [husband/spouse/partner].) To have and to hold, from this day forward. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, so long as we both shall live.

RINGS

_____, place this ring on _____ finger, hold it there and say these words to her/him:

This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us.

_____, place this ring on _____ finger, hold it there and say these words to him/her:

This ring I give you in token of the covenant made this day between us.

SOLEMNIZER:

(I, _____, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Marriage Act and the Province of Ontario, hereby pronounce you, _____, and _____, to be married.)

I wish you long life, happiness, prosperity, and may the vows you made to each other today sustain you forever.

You may celebrate your marriage with a kiss.

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