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Script Option #3

Introductions

THE PURPOSE

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of _____ and _____ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario.

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.

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

_____ and _____ you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are to now declare it.

Officiant to 1st person: Repeat after me please:

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

Officiant to 2nd person: Repeat after me please:

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

If either person is escorted forward, Officiant states:

Who is it that gives this _____ (man/woman/these individuals) in marriage?

Answer: “I/we do.” (father, mother, children relative, etc.)

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND VOWS

Officiant to couple:

Would you please face each other, join hands and repeat after me:

Officiant to 1st person:

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

Officiant to 2nd person:

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

EXCHANGE OF RINGS

Officiant to 1st person:

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together.

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____’s left hand saying after me:

“With this ring, / I thee wed. / I shall love, / honour and cherish thee/ and this ring/ shall be the symbol/ of my love.”

Officiant to 2nd person:

This ring is a symbol of your marriage and a symbol of your love and of your life together.

Please place this ring on the third finger of _____ 's left hand saying after me:

“With this ring, / I thee wed. / I shall love, / honour and cherish thee/ and this ring/
shall be the symbol/ of my love.”

As you wear these rings may you find them reminders of an endless love which may grow
more meaningful with each passing day.

PRONOUNCEMENT

_____ and _____ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared
this symbolically by their vows and the exchange of rings. I, _____, by virtue of the
powers vested in me by the Marriage Act, do hereby pronounce you _____ and
_____ to be married.

You may exchange a kiss as a token of your joy.

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

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

SERVICE CONCLUSION

I wish you a long life, happiness, prosperity. May the vows you made to one another
today sustain you forever.

Officiant: May I introduce to you the married couple.