



SAME SEX MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Introduction

A marriage contract between two persons is the most important and solemn act of their whole lives, and must, therefore, be entered into with a due consideration of its duties and responsibility. A happy marriage means two souls with but a single thought, two hearts that beat as one.

Having impressed upon you the great weight and importance of the step you are about to take, I will now proceed with the solemn rites of matrimony.

1st PARTY

Will you have this (man / woman) to be your wedded spouse, to live together in the estate of Matrimony; to love him/her, comfort (him / her), honor and keep (him / her), in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, for better or for worse, whatever your lot in life may be, and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto (him / her), so long as you both shall live?

2nd PARTY

Will you have this (man / woman) to be your wedded spouse, to live together in the estate of Matrimony; to love (him / her), comfort (him / her), honor and keep (him / her), in health and in sickness, in prosperity and in adversity, for better or for worse, whatever your lot in life may be, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto (him / her), so long as you both shall live?

BOTH PARTIES

You may now invest your spouse with (his / her) wedding ring.

THE RING

The wedding ring has neither beginning nor end. It is a symbol of endless faith and trust. It is a symbol of love everlasting. It is not only a sustaining power in prosperity, but also a comfort in time of need. May it ever remind you both of the solemn vows and obligations which you have this day taken, and keep you steadfast therein and faithful to the end.

CLASP HANDS

As you now join hands, may you always go hand in hand through life, loving and trusting each other.

Having made satisfactory answers to all questions put to you, and having shown your willingness to become spouses, and having solemnly promised to love, honor and comfort each other so long as you both shall live, now, therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois, I pronounce you wedded spouses.

May your life be a long and happy one. With best wishes for your future welfare, I congratulate you. (Shake hands)

