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**Note: (Mandatory statements are in brackets)**

SOLEMINIZER...

We are gathered here today in the presence of nature, and before family and friends, to join together this man and this woman in matrimony.

Marriage is an honourable and beautiful estate, and therefore is not to be entered into lightly, but instead with love, respect, friendship, and honour.

Is there someone present who gives this woman in marriage to this man?

Applicant, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.)**

Applicant, 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 and take each other's hands.

These are the hands of your best friend, young and strong and full of love for you, that are holding yours on this, your wedding day, as you promise to love each other today, tomorrow, and forever. These are the hands that will work alongside yours, as together you build your future. These are the hands that will passionately love you and cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch, will comfort you like no other. These are the hands that will hold you when fear or grief fills your mind. These are the hands that will countless times wipe the tears from your eyes; tears of sorrow, and tears of joy. These are the hands that will tenderly hold your children and help you to hold your family as one. These are the hands that will give you strength when you need it. And lastly, these are the hands that even when wrinkled and aged, will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness with just a touch.

Applicant, please repeat after me:

**(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I,**

\_\_\_\_\_, **do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawful**

**wedded wife.)** Loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet know.

I will respect you as an individual, a partner, and an equal. I promise to

laugh with you when times are good, and endure with you when times are bad. I will always adore, honour, and encourage you. You are my best friend, and I will love you always.

Applicant, please repeat after me.

**(I call upon these persons, here present, to witness that I,**

\_\_\_\_\_, **do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawful**

**wedded husband.)** Loving what I know of you, trusting what I do not yet

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times are bad. I will always adore, honour and encourage you. You are

my best friend, and I will love you always.

May I have the rings please?

\_\_\_\_\_, place this ring on \_\_\_\_\_ finger and repeat after me:

\_\_\_\_\_, I give you this ring as a symbol of my love. As it encircles your

finger, may it remind you always that you are surrounded by my enduring

love. I pledge you my love and respect, my laughter and my tears. With all

that I am, I honour you.

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\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, in your journey of life together, remind yourselves often of the love that brought you together. Give the highest priority to your love. When challenges come, remember to focus on what is right between you. In this way, you can ride out the storms. And when clouds hide the sun in your lives, remember, even if you lose sight of it for a moment, the sun is always there.

**SOLEMNIZER.....**

**(I, \_\_\_\_\_, by the 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 a long life of happiness and prosperity. May the vows you made to each other today sustain you forever.

You may now seal your vows with a kiss.