

Standard Ceremony

On behalf of my colleague [] and myself [] may I welcome you all to [] on this special occasion for the CIVIL PARTNERSHIP of [] and []

This place in which you are now met has been duly sanctioned according to law for the registration of civil partnerships. You are here to witness the formation of a civil partnership by [] and [] If any person present knows of any impediment to this partnership, they should declare it now.

[] and [] have chosen to pledge themselves to each other by committing to a legally binding contract. Their Partnership will enable the love and respect that they have for each other to develop into a deep and lasting relationship. We, who are witnessing your civil partnership, hope that despite the stresses inevitable in any life, your Love, Trust and Understanding of each other, will increase your contentment and heighten your joy in living.

COUPLE STAND

Partner 1: “[] will you take [] to be your lawful Partner to be loving and faithful to him/her for the rest of your life together?”

ANSWER: “I will”.

Partner 2: “[] will you take [] to be your lawful Partner to be loving and faithful to him/her for the rest of your life together?”

ANSWER: “I will”.

THE GIVING OF THE RING

The giving of a ring signifies the promise of a love that is everlasting and is a public affirmation that the contract between [] and [] will be honoured.

(Each partner, in turn, to repeat the following words as the rings are exchanged)

Partner 1 : “[], this ring is a token of my abiding love and a sign of the promise I make to you today.”

Partner 2 : “[], this ring is a token of my abiding love and a sign of the promise I make to you today.”

(Each partner to repeat the following in turn)

Partner 1: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other’s civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

Partner 2: I declare that I know of no legal reason why we may not register as each other’s civil partner. I understand that on signing this document we will be forming a civil partnership with each other.

SIGNING OF THE CIVIL PARTNERSHIP SCHEDULE

We now come to the signing of the document, which will bind [] & [] together in law.

[] and [] would you please step forward to sign - then your witnesses.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: PLEASE STAND

[] & [] Now that the ceremony is over and the experience of living day by day as legal partners is about to begin, go and meet it gladly.

Congratulations to you both!