**Marriage Declaration of Intention**

Be sure to check the requirements of the certifying authority.  Some countries require specific words to be exchanged for the marriage contract to be valid.

**Partner 1 & Partner 2** , you are entering not only a formal covenant of marriage, but a legal contract as well, now that [*authorising body: i.e. government of Scotland, the State of Washington, the South African Parliament, etc.*] has finally caught up with the reality of your love that could not wait for any law.

So I ask of you both, are you lawfully free & willing to enter into this marriage?  One at a time…

**Questions to Partner 1:**

**PARTNER 1 (full name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, are you lawfully free and willing to take **Partner 2 (full name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to be your partner of life? If so, please say, I am.

*I am.*

Will you love her/him/them, comfort her/him/them, honour and protect her/him/them, and be faithful to her/him/them?  If so please say, “I will.”

*I will.*

**Questions to Partner 2:**

**Partner 2 (full name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, are you lawfully free and willing to take **Partner 1 (full name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to be your Partner of life? If so, please say, I am.

*I am.*

Will you love her/him/them, comfort her/him/them, honour and protect her/him/them, and be faithful to her/him/them?  If so please say, “I will.”

*I will.*

**Simplified Declaration of Intent**

This option may be used where there is no legal requirement for each Partner to declare that he/she/they are lawfully free and willing to enter into this legal contract.  Be sure to check the requirements of the certifying authority.

Will you, **Partner 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, take **Partner 1** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your life partner in marriage?

Partner 2: I will.

Will you, **Partner 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, take **Partner 2** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your life partner in marriage?

Partner 1: I will.