

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/they, comfort her/him/they, honour and protect her/him/they, and be faithful to her/him/they? 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/they, comfort her/him/they, honour and protect her/him/they, and be faithful to her/him/they? 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.