

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PETTIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
DIVISION 5

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF

_____)
(Print full name of one party))
)
And)
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_____)
(Print full name of the other party))

PETITION TO SOLEMNIZE A MARRIAGE

COME NOW the parties named above and petition the Court to solemnize their marriage so that it may be deemed a valid marriage contract pursuant to Section 451.040 RSMo, and in support of this petition, solemnly affirm to the Court as follows:

1. We have obtained a valid license which is submitted herewith from a recorder of deeds official in the State of Missouri;
2. We are both 18 years of age or older;
3. We are not related in any manner that would forbid marriage under Section 451.020 RSMo;
4. Neither of us is currently married at this time;
5. We agree to assume and perform all duties and obligations of marriage as exist under the laws of the State of Missouri;
6. We agree to absolute sexual fidelity one to the other;
7. We agree to take all reasonable steps to create and ensure a successful lifetime marriage;
8. We understand that marriage is a contract of equals and that neither party has a right to compel the other to do his/her will except by reason, gentle persuasion, negotiation, and compromise;
9. We agree to maintain a relationship free from abuse, addiction, and oppression of any kind;

10. We agree to develop characteristics that will benefit and enhance our marriage, including but not limited to kindness, patience, forgiveness, respect, trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, courtesy, communication skills, self-reliance, temperance, financial temperance, and a strong work ethic;

11. We agree to take all reasonable efforts to remove characteristics from ourselves that we find injurious to our marriage by participating in counseling, classes, or any other help designed to address the behavior that is proving injurious before the marriage is irreparably harmed;

12. We agree to make the success of our marriage and resulting family the highest priority of our lives.

WHEREFORE, PLEDGING OURSELVES UPON OUR HONOR BEFORE THIS COURT AND THESE WITNESSES, WE THEREFORE PETITION THIS COURT TO CREATE OUR NEW FAMILY, BOUND BY A LAWFUL MARRIAGE CONTRACT AND DESIGNED TO BRING STABILITY AND HAPPINESS TO SOCIETY.

(First spouse's signature)
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

(Second spouse's signature)
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

(Witness 1 signature)
Printed name: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

(Witness 2 signature)
Printed name: _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

SO ORDERED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

The Honorable Judge R. Paul Beard II