

## MARRIAGE CEREMONY

We have gathered together today to witness an act of faith. In faith, in hope, and in love, we dare to commit ourselves publicly and privately to another human being, knowing that there are both great risks and great possibilities in this intimacy. We know as humans that we are imperfect and incomplete. We know that we are required, and will be required, to seek forgiveness, as well as to forgive, as we grow, individually and together.

We all know how difficult it can be for us to live as an independent individual and still live and share responsibly, sensitively, and dependently with someone else. Yet with grace to accept ourselves, with faith, with hope, and with love, we willingly venture into marriage, and promise to care and share a warmth and trust that we believe is able to make us more together than what we are alone.

Please join hands.

With these things in mind, I ask you \_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_, to be your lawfully wedded spouse, and promise before these witnesses, to be her loving and faithful partner, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as you both shall live? If so, say "I do."

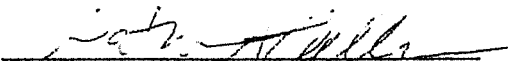
And I ask you \_\_\_\_\_, do you take \_\_\_\_\_, to be your lawfully wedded spouse, and promise before these witnesses, to be her loving and faithful partner, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, so long as you both shall live? If so, say "I do."

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You exchanged the rings you wear before your Blessi  
Continue to wear these rings as a visible symbol to all  
your constant faith and abiding love.

And now, by the authority committed to me by the State of  
Iowa, I declare that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are lawfully  
wed. You may celebrate your union.

DATED: This 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

  
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Nathan A. Callahan  
Associate District Court Judge