



## CIVIL CEREMONY SCRIPT #2

### **Officiant:**

We are gathered together to witness the formal joining of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in legal matrimony according to the custom and law prevailing by the Government of the Province of Ontario, under the authority of the *Marriage Act*.

This is an important and joyous occasion for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who will today make a commitment to each other, before witnesses, to pledge themselves, by mutual consent, to a union in friendship and life which is one of the most sacred of all human ties.

Marriage is to be entered upon thoughtfully and responsibly with a due and serious understanding and appreciation of the ends for which it is contracted. You have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage, and if there is anyone present here today who can show just cause as to why these two persons may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, they should now declare it or hereafter remain silent.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you have made it known that you want to be joined in marriage and no one has shown any valid reason why you may not. If either of you know of any lawful impediment why you should not be married, you are now to declare it.

### **Officiant to Person 1:**

Repeat after me please

**"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to \_\_\_\_\_."**

### **Officiant to Person 2:**

Repeat after me please

**"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly declare / that I do not know / of any lawful impediment / why I may not be joined in matrimony / to \_\_\_\_\_."**

### **Officiant:**

We come now to the words \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ want to hear the most today...the words that take them across the threshold from being engaged to being married.

A marriage, as most of us understand it, is a voluntary and full commitment. It is made in the deepest sense to the exclusion of all others, and it is entered into with the desire and hope that it will last for life.

"Would you please face each other, join hands and repeat after me"

**Officiant to Person 1:**

Repeat after me:

**“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_, do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawful wedded spouse.** To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.

**Officiant to Person 2:**

Repeat after me:

**“I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, \_\_\_\_\_, do take you, \_\_\_\_\_, to be my lawful wedded spouse.** To laugh with you in joy; to grieve with you in sorrow; to grow with you in love; to be faithful to you alone; as long as we both shall live.

**Officiant:**

We will now enter to the part of the Ceremony where \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will exchange rings. Wedding bands are visible, tangible symbols of a couple’s commitment and connection. These rings will represent your marriage and a symbol of your love and your life together.”

**Officiant to 1st person:**

\_\_\_\_\_ please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_ left hand and repeat after me: “With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

**Officiant to 2nd person:**

\_\_\_\_\_ please place this ring on the third finger of \_\_\_\_\_ left hand and repeat after me: “With this ring, I thee wed. I shall love, honour and cherish thee and this ring is the symbol of my love.”

**Pronouncement**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have pledged themselves to each other and have declared this symbolically by their vows. I, \_\_\_\_\_, **by virtue of the powers vested in me by the *Marriage Act* in the Province of Ontario, do hereby pronounce you, \_\_\_\_\_, and you, \_\_\_\_\_ to be married.**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ you may now share a kiss

