

VIRGINIA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF [Enter Jurisdiction]

[Enter Full Name of Groom]

Groom

CL-[Enter Case #]

[Enter Full Name of Bride]

Bride

Marriage License No. [Enter License Number]

Book No. [Enter Book Number] Page No. [Enter Page Number]

Petition to Affirm Marriage

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to §20-31 and §20-90 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

Petitioners, [Enter Full Name of Groom] and [Enter Full Name of Bride], formerly known as [Enter Full Maiden Name of Bride] (the "Petitioners") celebrated their rites of marriage on [Enter Date of Marriage] at [Enter Location of Wedding Ceremony]. [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] was the celebrant/officiant. A copy of the Marriage License issued on [Enter Date License Issued] is attached to this Petition.

At the time, [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] was authorized by the church to perform weddings but had not received authorization from the Commonwealth of Virginia. All parties believed that as a result of the ceremony they were legally wed and believed the ceremony to be lawful and legally binding. [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] (Select one of the following:) (has subsequently been authorized) or (was not able to obtain authorization) to perform wedding ceremonies by the [Enter Name of Circuit Court] Circuit Court; therefore:

By Affidavit, [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant], affirms that both parties consented to live together in lawful wedlock on [Enter Date of Marriage] and witnessed the same, and both parties gave their solemn promises, each to the other, and were pronounced Husband and Wife.

By Affidavit, [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] further affirms that the wedding ceremony occurred within 60 days of obtaining the marriage license, as is required by §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

By Affidavit, [Enter Full Name of Groom] and [Enter Full Name of Bride], affirm that they fulfilled all of the requirements for completing their wedding ceremony held on [Enter Date of Marriage], they gave their solemn promises, each to the other, consented to live together in lawful wedlock and were pronounced Husband and Wife.

By Affidavit, Petitioners further affirm that they consummated the marriage on **[Enter Date of Marriage]** with the full belief on both of their parts that they had been lawfully joined in marriage and their marriage was legal and binding. They have since been living together as Husband and Wife.

By Affidavit, Petitioners further affirm that the wedding ceremony occurred within 60 days of obtaining the marriage license, as is required by §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

THEREFORE, the Petitioners ask this Court to enter an order reaffirming the marriage of **[Enter Full Name of Groom]** and **[Enter Full Name of Bride]** as of **[Enter Date of Marriage]**, the date of the marriage ceremony.

We ask for this:

[Signature of Groom]

[Signature of Bride]

[Enter Groom's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Bride's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Address]]

[Enter Address]]

[Enter City State Zip Code]]

[Enter City State Zip Code]]

[Enter Day Time Phone]]

[Enter Day Time Phone]]

State/Commonwealth of: **[Enter State or Commonwealth]**

City/County of: **[Enter City/County]**

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn by **[Enter Full Name of Groom]** and **[Full Name of Bride]** on this _____ day of _____, _____.

My commission expires: **[Enter date Commission Expires]**

Notary ID Number: **[Enter Notary ID #]**

Notary Public

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Bride

Affidavit of Bride and Groom

1. We, **[Enter Full Name of Groom]** and **[Enter Full Name of Bride]** formerly known as **[Enter Bride's Full Maiden Name]** came together before **[Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant]** **[Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant]** for the purpose of joining in marriage on **[Enter Date of Marriage]** at **[Enter Location of Wedding Ceremony]**.
2. We were issued Marriage License No. **[Enter Marriage License Number]** on **[Enter Day Marriage License Issued]** from the **[Enter Name of County/City of Circuit Court]** Circuit Court Clerk's Office. The wedding ceremony occurred within 60 days of obtaining said marriage license, as is required by §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.
3. At the time, we believed that **[Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant]** **[Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant]** was authorized to perform wedding ceremonies in the Commonwealth of Virginia and that as a result of the ceremony we were legally married.
4. Pursuant to section §20-31 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, we believe that we fulfilled all of the requirements for completing our wedding ceremony held on **[Enter Date of Marriage]**, in which we gave our solemn promises, each to the other, consented to live together in lawful wedlock, and were pronounced Husband and Wife.
5. We consummated the marriage on **[Enter Date of Marriage]** with the full belief on both of our parts that we had been lawfully joined in marriage and have since been living together as Husband and Wife.

[Signature of Groom]

[Signature of Bride]

[Enter Groom's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Address]

[Enter City State Zip Code]

[Enter Day Time Phone]

[Enter Bride's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Address]

[Enter City State Zip Code]

[Enter Day Time Phone]

State/Commonwealth of: **[Enter State or Commonwealth]**

City/County of: **[Enter City/County]**

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn by **[Enter Full Name of Groom]**
and **[Full Name of Bride]** on this _____ day of _____, _____.

My commission expires: **[Enter date Commission Expires]**

Notary ID Number: **[Enter Notary ID #]**

Notary Public

SAMPLE

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[Enter Full Name of Bride]

Bride

Affidavit of Marriage Celebrant

1. I, [Name of Marriage Celebrant], am an ordained [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] at [Enter Name and Address of Church]. I was ordained on [Enter Date of Ordination] and have held that office since [Enter Date Office Held].
2. I was the officiant of the wedding of [Enter Full Name of Groom] and [Enter Full Name of Bride] on [Enter Date of Marriage] at [Enter Location of Wedding Ceremony].
3. Pursuant to §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, said wedding ceremony occurred within 60 days of the issuance of the marriage license.
4. I was unaware at the time of the wedding ceremony of the requirement to petition the Circuit Court to receive authorization to perform wedding ceremonies in Virginia pursuant to §20-23 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. (Select one:) **(I have subsequently been authorized by the Circuit Court of [Enter Jurisdiction] as of [Enter Date Authorized to Perform Wedding Ceremonies])** or **(I was unable to obtain authorization to perform wedding ceremonies in the Commonwealth of Virginia because [Enter Reason Why Authorization Could Not be Obtained]**

_____.]
5. I hereby affirm that both parties consented to live together in lawful wedlock on [Enter Date of Marriage] and witnessed the same, and both parties gave their solemn promises, each to the other, and were pronounced Husband and Wife.
6. I fulfilled all of the requirements for performing the wedding ceremony of [Enter Full Name of Groom] and [Enter Full Name of Bride] on [Enter Date of Marriage]. All parties believed that as a result of the ceremony that the parties were legally wed and believed the ceremony to be lawful and legally binding, pursuant to §20-31 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

[Marriage Celebrant's Signature]

[Enter Marriage Celebrant's Name]

State/Commonwealth of: **[Enter State or Commonwealth]**

City/County of: **[Enter City/County]**

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn by **[Enter name of Marriage Celebrant]** on this _____ day of _____, _____.

My commission expires: **[Enter date Commission Expires]**

Notary ID Number: **[Enter Notary ID #]**

Notary Public

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Final Order to Affirm Marriage

This Court has reviewed the petition filed by the parties pursuant to §20-31 and §20-90 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended.

It appearing to the Court that the Petitioners [Enter Full Name of Groom] and [Enter Full Name of Bride] formerly known as [Enter Full Maiden Name of Bride], celebrated their rites of marriage on [Enter Date of Marriage] at [Enter Location of Wedding Ceremony]. [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] was the celebrant.

It further appearing that at the time of the wedding ceremony, [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] was authorized to celebrate or witness marriages by the church but had not received authorization to perform marriages in the Commonwealth of Virginia. All parties believed that as a result of the ceremony they were legally wed and believed the ceremony to be lawful and legally binding. The marriage celebrant (select one of the choices:) (has subsequently been authorized) or (was unable to obtain authorization) through the [Enter Name of Circuit Court] Circuit Court to perform religious wedding ceremonies in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It further appearing that [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] affirms that the marriage ceremony occurred within 60 days of issuance of the marriage license, as is required by §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. [Enter Title of Marriage Celebrant] [Enter Name of Marriage Celebrant] further affirms that both parties consented to live together in lawful wedlock and he witnessed the same and both parties gave their solemn promises, each to the other, were pronounced Husband and Wife and further testified to the truth of all facts contained in the petition in support of this order.

It further appearing that the Petitioners affirm that: (i) they believed they had fulfilled all of the requirements for completing their wedding ceremony, in which they consented to live together in lawful wedlock, gave their solemn promises, each to the other, and were pronounced Husband and Wife; (ii) the wedding ceremony occurred within 60 days of obtaining the marriage license, as is required by §20-14.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended; and (iii) they consummated the marriage on [Enter Date of Marriage]

with the full belief on both of their parts that they had been lawfully joined in marriage, since that day have been living together as Husband and Wife and further testified to the truth of all facts contained in the petition in support of this order.

IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that the marriage between **[Enter Full Name of Groom]** and **[Enter Full Name of Bride]** be affirmed as of **[Enter Date of Marriage]**, the date of the marriage ceremony.

IT IS FURTHER ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that the Clerk of this Court shall transmit a certified copy of this order to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Entered this _____ day of _____.

JUDGE

Seen and Agreed:

[Groom's Signature]

[Enter Groom's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Address]]

[Enter City State Zip Code]]

[Enter Day Time Phone]]

[Bride's Signature]

[Enter Bride's Name], Petitioner

[Enter Address]]

[Enter City State Zip Code]]

[Enter Day Time Phone]]

[Marriage Celebrant's Signature]

[Enter Marriage Celebrant's Name]

[Enter Address]]

[Enter City State Zip Code]]

[Enter Day Time Phone]]