

### **CIVIL CEREMONY #3**

**Minister:** Groom and Bride, today you celebrate one of life's greatest moments and give recognition to the worth and beauties of love, as you join together in vows of marriage.

#### **EXCHANGE OF VOWS**

**MINISTER:** (GROOM), do you take (BRIDE), to be your wife?

**GROOM:** "I Do"

**MINISTER:** Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and  
Protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her?

**GROOM:** "I Do"

**MINISTER:** (BRIDE), do you take (GROOM), be your Husband?

**BRIDE:** "I DO"

**MINISTER:** Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and  
Protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him?

**BRIDE:** "I Do"

#### **EXCHANGE OF RINGS**

**GROOM:** I (GROOM), take thee, (Bride), to be my wife-to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you  
(With this ring, I thee wed)

**BRIDE:** I (BRIDE), take thee, (Groom), to be my husband-to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, and I promise my love to you. (With this ring, I thee wed)

**MINISTER:** Groom and Bride, just as two very different threads woven in opposite directions can form a beautiful tapestry, so can your two lives merge together to form a very beautiful marriage. To make your marriage work will take love.

Love should be the core of your marriage, love is the reason you are here. But it also will take trust- to know in your hearts you want the best for each other. It will take dedication- to stay open to one another; to learn and to grow together even when this is not always so easy to do.

It will take faith, to be willing to go forward to tomorrow, never really knowing what tomorrow will bring. In addition, it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey, you both now pledge to share together.

Groom and Bride, in so much as the two of you have agreed to live together in Matrimony, have promised your love for each other by these vows.

**I now declare you to be Husband and Wife!**

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU MAY KISS YOUR BRIDE.**