

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY**

**IN RE: Affidavit Authorizing Minister To Perform Marriage Ceremony Under §20-23**

Under Oath, I state that:

1. I am an ordained minister (proof of ordination attached)
2. I am in regular communion with the religious society of which I am a member.
3. I am a minister of the following religious denomination:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. I have been set apart as the head or leader of a religious congregation, society or order
5. I have been elected or selected as minister in accordance with ritual; bylaws or discipline of my church, religious denomination or society
6. I currently hold or have held the following leadership position in my religious denomination:

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Name and location of church/religious organization or society of which I am a member:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF REQUESTING PERSON

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF REQUESTING PERSON

Subscribed and sworn to before on: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK/ DEPUTY CLERK

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**IN RE:** APPOINTMENT OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
TO CELEBRATE THE RITES OF MARRIAGE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

The Court doth this day appoint \_\_\_\_\_, a resident of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, as a Marriage Celebrant to celebrate the rites of marriage in accordance with Virginia Code § 20-23.

It appearing that \_\_\_\_\_ is a priest/minister in good stands with the \_\_\_\_\_ Church and that he/she is desirous of obtaining authority to celebrate the Rites of Matrimony in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and has with his/her sworn affidavit presented sufficient evidence of his/her ordination as Minister. It is ORDERED that \_\_\_\_\_ be, and hereby is, authorized to Celebrate the Rites of Matrimony in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ENTERED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

**OATH OF CELEBRANTS OF MARRIAGES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, celebrant of the rites of marriages, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Virginia, and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a celebrant of the rites of marriage, according to the best of my ability, So help me God.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Celebrant

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie County, in the State of Virginia, do certify that the above named celebrant personally appeared before me and took and subscribed the above oath.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Deputy Clerk