

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION FILING

Note: This form must be accompanied by the original Ordination Certificate and faxed to 320-656-3932.

Please call 320-656-3937 with any questions.

► **Minnesota Statute 517.04 Solemnization Persons Authorized to Perform Civil Marriages.**

Civil marriages may be solemnized throughout the state by an individual who has attained the age of 21 years and is a judge of a court of record, a retired judge of a court of record, a court administrator, a retired court administrator with the approval of the chief judge of the judicial district, a former court commissioner who is employed by the court system or is acting pursuant to an order of the chief judge of the commissioner's judicial district, the residential school administrators of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, a licensed or ordained minister of any religious denomination, or by any mode recognized in section 517.18.

► **Minnesota Statute 517.05 Credentials of Minister.**

Ministers of any religious denomination, before they are authorized to solemnize a civil marriage, shall file a copy of their credentials of license or ordination or, if their religious denomination does not issue credentials, authority from the minister's spiritual assembly, with the local registrar of a county in this state, who shall record the same and give a certificate thereof. The place where the credentials are recorded shall be endorsed upon and recorded with each certificate of civil marriage granted by a minister.

Minister's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip Code: _____

Phone (include area code): _____

FAX (include area code): _____

Email: _____

I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the above Minnesota State Statutes and confirm that I am qualified under MS517.04 to perform civil marriage and believe the attached document is in compliance with MS.517.05.

Check one:

- ☐ My authority to perform civil marriages expires on _____.
☐ My authority to perform civil marriages has no expiration date.

► _____ Dated: _____
(Signature of Minister)

► **Minnesota Statute 517.14 Illegal Civil Marriage; False Certificate; Penalty.**

A person authorized by law to solemnize civil marriages who knowingly solemnizes a civil marriage contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or knowing of any legal impediment to the proposed civil marriage, or who willfully makes a false certificate of any civil marriage or pretended civil marriage is guilty of a misdemeanor.

► **Minnesota Statute 517.15 Unauthorized Person Performing Ceremony.**

A person who knowingly undertakes to solemnize a civil marriage, without lawful authority to do so, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Office use only below this line.)

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF STEARNS

The documentation you have presented, which you state is in compliance with MS 517.05, has been filed in this office on _____ day of _____, 20_____

Randy R. Schreifels, by: _____

Deputy Local Registrar