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STATEMENT OF COMMON LAW MARRIAGE

The undersigned hereby declares that the following elements have been met, constituting a common law marriage in the state of Oklahoma:

1. We have an actual and mutual agreement to be spouses,
2. We are in a permanent and exclusive relationship,
3. We are currently cohabitating as spouses,
4. We have presented ourselves to the community as a married couple.

We hereby attest under penalty of perjury that both parties to this statement are legally competent to enter into a marriage relationship that may be entered into, maintained, or abrogated as provided by law.

_____ _____
Printed Name of Member Member ID or Last 4 of SS#

_____ _____/_____/_____ _____
Signature of Member Member's Date of Birth Date Signed

_____ _____/_____/_____ _____
Signature of Common Law Spouse Spouse's Date of Birth Date Signed

Date Executed: _____
State of _____
County of _____

On this_____day of_____, 20_____, before me, Notary Public in and for the country and state aforesaid, personally appeared the above named_____and_____who made oath under the penalty of perjury that the statements contained herein are true and correct, and acknowledged that they were made of his/her free and voluntary act for the purpose indicated.

NOTARY SEAL

Notary Public Signature: _____

Notary Public Printed Name: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

COMMON LAW MARRIAGE GUIDELINES

A Common Law marriage requires competent parties, who enter the relationship by mutual agreement, exclusive of all others, consummating the arrangement by cohabitation and open assumption of marital duties; not related by blood to a degree that would prohibit marriage; and are age 18 or older. Additionally, for a Common Law marriage to be valid, neither party can be legally married to another during the pendency of the Common Law marriage.

To document that the partners reside together, the parties must provide evidence such as: (1) lease, deed, or mortgage showing both partners as parties to the transaction; (2) drivers' licenses for both partners showing the same address; (3) utility bills showing the same address; and/or (4) passports for both partners showing the same address.

Common Law marriage constitutes a legal marriage contract between partners who meet state specific requirements for a valid marriage. When a Common Law marriage exists, the couple must go through a formal divorce to end the relationship.