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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:

We hereby attest under penalty of perjury that both parties to this statement are legally competent to enter into

- 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.

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# Member's Date of Birth Date Signed Signature of Member 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 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 Public Signature: Notary Public Printed Name: _____ SFAL 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.