

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

PROBATE DIVISION

Unit

Case No. _____

PETITION FOR NON-RESIDENT MINISTER TO PERFORM MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Petitioner _____ of _____ (Petitioner's Name) (Mailing Address)

in accordance with Title 18, Section 5144 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, requests special authorization to solemnize and perform the marriage between:

_____ of _____ (Name) (Mailing Address)

and _____ of _____ (Name) (Mailing Address)

Now planned for _____ in the Town of _____ (Date of Ceremony)

Petitioner hereby swears and affirms that:

- 1. Petitioner is a member of the clergy of the _____ (Name of Denomination) in the State of _____;
2. Petitioner is duly ordained or licensed, and otherwise regularly authorized thereunto by the published laws or discipline of the general conference, convention, or other authority of their faith or denomination; and
3. Petitioner has attached true and accurate copies of documentation confirming Petitioner's status as a duly ordained or licensed member of the clergy.

Title 18, Section 5144 of Vermont Statutes Annotated provides that the Court may approve these petitions "if the Probate judge determines that the circumstances make the special authorization desirable." If your ordination or license is not based upon active and on-going ministry, and/or was obtained specifically to obtain authorization to perform the marriage in question, please identify to the Court the circumstances which would support the required finding that this special authorization is desirable:

I declare that the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statements are false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury or to other sanctions in the discretion of the court.

Petitioner Information

Date: _____

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____