

## OLDHAM CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY

Good Morning/Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of Oldham Registration Service I would like to welcome you all here today to the partnership service of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Before I begin the ceremony this morning/afternoon, allow me to introduce myself. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I am the Superintendent Registrar.

Today we come together to take part in this special occasion and to witness the promises \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ make to each other. In today's ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will express their love for each other and make a promise to sustain that love in a relationship of permanent and continuing commitment. Through your presence here today you are expressing your support for them.

### **INSERT ONE (READING)**

A partnership is a desire by two people to share themselves and their experiences with each other, and a willingness to accept each other for who they are.

A partnership is a commitment to developing co-operation, friendship, and mutual respect. It calls for honesty, patience, and of course humour! It is where each partner cares for the other and supports them in all that they do.

A partnership demands courage - the courage to sort out together the tasks of everyday living. It requires closeness and distance - closeness for a couple growing together, and enough distance to allow each partner to be individual. A good partner will be loving, caring, and above all a best friend.

It is in this spirit that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are now before us. In each other's company they have found happiness fulfilment and love. They now wish to affirm their relationship with each other.

If any person here present knows of any lawful reason why they should not enter into a legal partnership with each other you should declare it now.

Before you make your promises of commitment to each other today I am going to ask each of you to declare that you are free to enter into this legal contract.

### **(INSERT LEGAL DECLARATION)**

Would you both please stand.

I would now like each of you in the presence of your family and friends to repeat after me the promises you have chosen to make to each other today.

**I promise to be your partner and to share my life with you. I will be there for you always and support you in all you do for as long as we both shall live**

### **INSERT TWO**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ will now exchange rings as a sign of their love and continuing commitment to each other.

### **(LEGAL DECLARATION)**

**I give you this ring as a token of our love. Wear it always and remember the promise I made to you**

### **INSERT THREE**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have now made the legal declarations and have made promises to each other before their family and friends here today. May the love and happiness you have found in each other continue to grow in your future years together.

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## OPTIONAL INSERTS

### READINGS

1. BALLOON
2. I LOVE YOU
3. FROM HEART TO HEART
4. A CHINESE POEM
5. PARTNERSHIP
6. I WANNA BE YOURS

### INSERT TWO

A I promise you that I will cherish our love. I promise to be faithful as your partner and your friend until my life ends

B I promise to always love and cherish you, to respect and honour you I promise to value our relationship and to be honest with you I will be there to comfort you in times of stress I promise to bring you joy, happiness and laughter so that as partners we can enjoy our life together and confidently face any challenges which life may bring

### INSERT THREE

A From this day forward I will be faithful to you. I will always love, cherish and respect you. I Will be there for you whatever life may bring us. This is my vow to you. I give you this ring as A sign of my love for you, all that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you.

B From this day forward, no matter what life holds for us, you will have my support, friendship, Faithful companionship and undying love.

C I promise to bring only kindness and love to our relationship. When there is sadness I will comfort you, when there is happiness I will laugh with you and I will try to make all your dreams come true.

D From today you are admitting to yourselves and the people here present that you intend to be together, through good times and bad, in sickness and in health and come what may you will always love, respect and support each other.