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Orange County Clerk-Recorder to Offer Virtual Marriage Services

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen will be offering virtual marriage services to the public by appointment only effective January 18, 2022. This will help reduce crowds at the department's offices and help couples minimize exposure to COVID-19, allowing them to obtain marriage services from the comfort and safety of their homes. These services are also geared towards helping first-responders and military personnel tie the knot without having to take time off from their busy work schedules. The department will offer virtual marriage appointments only from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and on a first come, first served basis. Appointments will be limited so schedule your appointment soon! Couples must purchase a marriage license and have a virtual civil marriage ceremony performed during their appointment. To complete a marriage license application and to make an appointment, couples must visit the department's online appointment system at https://cr.ocgov.com/portal_OC/emarriagescheduler/. For more information, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit OCRecorder.com.

"I am determined to continue serving everyone who needs our services," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "It gives me great pleasure to be able to serve couples who need to take extra precautions during these times of uncertainty."

To obtain virtual marriage services, the following requirements apply:

- The couple must appear together on the same video call and be physically present in the state of California.
- The couple's electronic devices must have audio and videoconferencing capabilities.
- Couples must have **two** functional e-mail addresses before starting the process.
- The parties to the marriage license shall have the capability to transmit the marriage license via e-mail or other electronic means to the person solemnizing the marriage on the day of their appointment.
- Each person must present one form of valid non-expired, government issued photo identification such as a driver's license or a passport.
- If divorced within the last 90 days, please provide a copy of the divorce decree.
- If widowed within the last 90 days, please provide a certified copy of the death certificate.
- Couples are not required to change their name(s). However, if the couple decides to change their name(s), they must do so at the time of signing the marriage license. Once the license is signed only a court order can change the name(s).
- Couples must purchase a marriage license **and** have a marriage ceremony performed during their appointment.
- No witnesses are required.

For more detailed information, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit OCRecorder.com. The information line is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

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