PETITION FOR COURT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MARRIAGE OF A MINOR

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Use this packet only if the following statements are true:

	The	minor	is	17	years	old.
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The minor and the desired spouse are residents of the State of Nevada.

The judge should allow the minor to marry because extraordinary circumstances exist.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. EFile User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Petition for Court Authorization for the Marriage of a Minor
- 3. Declaration of Resident Witness (for minor)
- 4. Declaration of Resident Witness (for proposed spouse)

First, carefully read all instructions. Second, neatly print the requested information using black or blue ink. Do not use correction fluid or tape on the forms.

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account.

To sign up:

 Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;
Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court, or email it to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>; and
Request an account at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Petition for Court Authorization for the Marriage of a Minor as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Complete the Declarations of Resident Witness:

For both the minor and the proposed spouse, declarations of resident witness must be submitted stating that they are residents of the State of Nevada.

Who can fill out this form? Someone who is:

- 18 years of age or older;
- A resident of the State of Nevada;
- Not a party to the case; and
- Who knows that the minor or the proposed spouse are residents of the State of Nevada.

1) Print parent/legal guardian's name, address, telephone number, and email.	1 2 3 4	Code: 1521 Name: The Resource Center will give you a Case No. and Address: Department No. when you file the documents with the Court. Telephone: Email: Email: Self-Represented Litigant
	→ 5 6 7 8	IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
	9 10	IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
2) Print minor's name ———	11 12 13	In the matter of the minor marriage of: Case No
	14 15 16	DECLARATION OF RESIDENT WITNESS
3) The resident witness (someone other than the parent/legal guardian,	17 18 19	I,, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true.
minor, or proposed spouse) must complete the declaration from this point	20 21 22	I am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify of my own knowledge to the following: 1. I have lived in the State of Nevada for years and presently live at:
forward.	23 24 25	(Number) (Your Street Address)
4) The resident witness must sign, date and print their information on page two of	25 26 27	// (City, State, Zip Code)
the declaration.	28	// REV 9/9/2019 SAB 1 MM Declaration of Resident Witness
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Law Library 775-328-3250

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

Electronically Filing the Documents

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

If you have not done so, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and turn in the EFile User Agreement (*see INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1*), to the Second Judicial District Court or email to <u>eflexsupport@washoecourts.us</u>.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Petition for Court Authorization for the Marriage of a Minor;
- Declaration of Resident Witness (for minor); and
- Declaration of Resident Witness (for proposed spouse).

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center and online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.

FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the fee, you may apply to have it waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the **Application for Waiver of Fees and Costs packet**, which you can get at:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: <u>www.washoecourts.com</u> (select the "Forms and Packets" tab on the right-hand side of the home screen)

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Setting an Evidentiary Hearing

You must set an evidentiary hearing. The Court will not automatically set one for you. To set up your evidentiary hearing, you will need to go to the third floor of 1 South Sierra Street. Contact the Resource Center for further information.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6

Attend Your Hearing

Plan to attend the hearing. Along with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), the minor and the proposed spouse must also attend. Make sure to arrive early to the courthouse so you have enough time to park, get through security, and get to the courtroom before your case is called.

After the judge has heard from everyone, the judge will decide to authorize the marriage or not.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7

Obtain a Certified Copy of the Order

If the Court authorizes the marriage, you will need to get a certified copy of the order authorizing the marriage to take to the County Clerk. The County Clerk requires a certified copy of the order to issue the marriage license. Certified copies of Court documents can be obtained from the Resource Center at 1 South Sierra St., Reno, NV 89501.

Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1st Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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