INSTRUCTIONS: CONVERT MARRIAGE TO A COVENANT MARRIAGE

People who are already married may change (or "convert") their marriage to a covenant marriage. In this situation, it is not necessary to have premarital counseling or to apply for a marriage license and go through a marriage ceremony. To convert a marriage, the married couple must pay a fee (prescribed in Section 12-284(A) of the Arizona Revised Statutes) to the Clerk of the Superior Court and present two things:

- 1. A written statement ("declaration") same as for unmarried persons seeking a covenant marriage.
- 2. A sworn statement ("affidavit") listing the names and social security numbers of both spouses and the date and place their marriage ceremony was performed.

Preprinted forms for married couples to complete are also online. The Clerk of the Superior Court will file the documents and issue a certificate stating that the earlier marriage is converted to a covenant marriage. However, the process of converting a marriage will not legalize a marriage that was not properly entered into or that is prohibited by Arizona law.

The statements for conversion to a covenant marriage may be submitted to the Clerk of the Superior Court at one of the following locations:

Clerk of Superior Court 415 E. Spring St. Kingman, AZ 86401 (928) 753-0713 Monday-Friday 8:00a-5:00p

Clerk of Superior Court 2225 Trane Road Bullhead City, NV (928) 758-0730 Monday-Friday 8:30a-12:00p, 1:30p-4:30p Clerk of Superior Court 2001 College Drive Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404 (928) 453-0701 Monday-Friday 8:30a-12:00p, 1:30p-4:30p

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