# **Credentials of Minister**

# **CERTIFICATE OF FILING**

**MS 517.04 SOLEMNIZATION PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM MARRIAGES**

Civil marriages may be solemnized throughout the state by an individual who has attained the age of 21 years and is a judge of a court of record, a retired judge of a court of record, a court administrator, a retired court administrator with the approval of the chief judge of the judicial district, a former court commissioner who is employed by the court system or is acting pursuant to an order of the chief judge of the commissioner's judicial district, the residential school superintendent of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf and the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, a licensed or ordained minister of any religious denomination, or by any mode recognized in section [517.18](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/517.18). For purposes of this section, a court of record includes the Office of Administrative Hearings under section [14.48](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/14.48).

**MS 517.05 Credentials of minister**

Ministers of any religious denomination, before they are authorized to solemnize a civil marriage, shall file a copy of their credentials of license or ordination or, if their religious denomination does not issue credentials, authority from the minister's spiritual assembly, with the local registrar of a county in this state, who shall record the same and give a certificate of filing thereof. The place where the credentials are recorded shall be endorsed upon and recorded with each certificate of civil marriage granted by a minister.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the above Minnesota State Statutes and confirm that I am qualified under MS 517.04 to perform marriages and believe the attached document is in compliance with MS 517.05.

\_\_\_\_My authority to perform marriages expires on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_My authority to perform marriages has no expiration date.

\_\_\_\_I am 21 years of age or older

(Signature of Minister)

(Credentials presented for filing by mail require notarization)

Signed and sworn to before me on by .

(notary stamp)

(Signature of Notary)

My Commission expires:

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**Driver’s License / Age 21 or Over / Validated**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**COUNTY OF McLEOD**

The documentation you have presented, which you state is in compliance with MS 517.05, has been filed in this office on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Document No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Lynn Ette Schrupp, McLeod County Recorder***

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

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