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AFFIDAVIT OF COMMON LAW MARRIAGE

Employee Name

Common-Law Spouse Name

1. We hereby certify that we meet all of the following criteria:
 - We are each at least eighteen (18) years of age and mentally competent to contract.
 - We are not related by blood to a degree which would prohibit marriage in our state of legal residence.
 - Neither of us is married to anyone else, and neither of us has been married to anyone since _____ [date of most recent formal decree of divorce].
 - We reside together and have resided together for at least one (1) year.
 - We have considered ourselves to be married and have conducted ourselves such that our friends, family, and community consider us married.
2. Please provide documentation to substantiate two (2) of the following items:
 - Common Law Marriage Agreement or Relationship Contract
 - Joint mortgage or joint ownership of primary residence
 - Joint ownership of vehicle
 - Joint lease
 - Most recent signed Federal Tax Form indicating that you are married [Black out financial information and no schedules should be included].
 - The Common Law Spouse has been designated as a beneficiary for the employee's will, retirement contract or life insurance (Must be dated (1) year prior to request for coverage)
 - Joint checking, savings or credit account (Must be dated (1) year prior to request for coverage)
3. We agree to notify the Office of Employee Benefits if the status of this relationship changes - including termination of the relationship or failure to meet any of the criteria listed in #1 above - no later than 30 days from the date of such change.
4. We understand that the information contained in this Affidavit is confidential and is being provided for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for benefits. We also understand that acceptance of this Affidavit by the Office of Employee Benefits in no way constitutes a legal determination that our common law marriage is valid under applicable law.

