

HUGH NGUYEN

CLERK-RECORDER

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## Orange County Clerk-Recorder to Offer First-Ever Valentine's Day Virtual Marriage Services

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen will offer virtual marriage services for the first time on what is considered the most romantic day of the year by many. Although Valentine's Day lands on a Sunday this year, that is not stopping Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen from making it memorable for couples looking to tie the knot from the comfort and safety of their home. The department will offer virtual marriage appointments from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on a first come, first served basis, so schedule yours soon! Couples must purchase a marriage license and have a civil marriage ceremony performed during their appointment. To complete a marriage license application and make an appointment, couples must visit <a href="https://cr.ocgov.com/intranet\_oc/emarriage/">https://cr.ocgov.com/intranet\_oc/emarriage/</a>. For more information, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit <a href="https://cr.ocgov.com/intranet\_oc/emarriage/">OCRecorder.com</a>.

## "It has been tradition for my department to always offer marriage services on Valentine's Day to ensure that those who want to marry on this day of romance have an opportunity to do so," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "It gives me great pleasure to be able to bring couples some happiness during these difficult times."

To obtain virtual marriage services on Valentine's Day, the following requirements apply:

- The couple must appear together on the same video call and be physically present in the state of California.
- Your computer must have audio and videoconferencing capabilities.
- You must have a functional e-mail address prior to 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.

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

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