

# Short & Sweet

No Hawaiian Elements

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## The Ceremony Script

(10-15 minutes)

Feel free to request the ceremony to open with Michaela blowing the conch shell and the Hawaiian Chant of Love

### OPENING WORDS

The Hawaiian word for love is aloha and today we've come together to celebrate the special aloha that exists between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ and their desire to make their aloha eternal through their commitment in marriage.

### HAWAIIAN KOA PADDLE REFERENCE TO UNITY AND STRENGTH

Both hold on to the paddle while leis are draped over them. Michaela explains the Hawaiian Blessing and circles the couple with sacred water to prepare them for their journey.

### LEI EXCHANGE (Optional)

Words are shared about the sacred ceremony of Marriage, the Couple exchanges leis.

**THE VOWS** – Repeat after me or prepare your vows. *\*\*These vows will be removed when couples prepare their vows.*

Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_, you are my soulmate and my best friend. And this is my promise to you:

I promise to bring the best of me to our lives and our marriage.

To share my thoughts and feelings.

Laugh with you and cry with you.

Encourage and inspire you.

I promise to create dreams together that will fill our lives with joy and happiness,

kindness, and respect,

for all the days before us.

But most importantly,

I promise to always "LOVE" you.

### DECLARATION

\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, do you give yourself to each other on this day with complete joy and love, freely and openly, as partners in life's journey?

Do you wish to be known from this day forward as a married couple?

If this is your wish, please say **"I Do."**

## **THE EXCHANGE OF RINGS**

These rings represent marriage. They are a symbol of the circle of love. They signify to the world that you are joined to someone special and someone special is joined to you. They reflect the inspiration of your hopes and dreams.

### **REPEAT AFTER ME:**

With this ring,

I give you my heart...

For my heart will be your shelter, And my arms your home.

From this day forward, you shall not walk alone. I place this ring on your finger as a symbol of our friendship, my love, and my commitment to our marriage.

## **THE LIGHT OF LOVE - Optional**

These are the hands of your best friend, strong and full of love. These are the hands that will passionately cherish you through the years, and with the slightest touch will comfort you like no other. These are the hands that will give you both strength when you need it and support you to pursue your dreams. These are the hands that even years from now will still be reaching for yours, still giving you the same unspoken tenderness, with just one touch.

\*\* Children, family, and friends can place their hands on the couple to say a few words. Then continue with Reading of the Light

## **GUESTS, PLEASE RISE (if you have guests who are seated)**

### **PRONOUNCEMENT OF COUPLE**

(Name) And (Name), today you have exchanged your promises, rings, and have expressed your love to one another.

May the blessings of life, the joy of love, and the peace of truth be your constant companion, now and always. It is with great pleasure and honor that I say these words...

By the power vested in me by the State of Hawaii, I now pronounce you \_\_\_\_&\_\_\_\_

You may now seal your union in marriage with a Kiss.

## **PRESENT COUPLE AS A LEGALLY MARRIED**