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Yolo County Clerk-Recorder Office Will Begin to Accept Marriage Licenses and Marriage Ceremonies on a Limited Basis Beginning Monday, April 20th

Woodland, CA – Beginning on April 20,2020, the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder Office will begin reissuing marriage licenses and performing ceremonies for Yolo County Residents on a limited basis.

In compliance with the shelter in place directive from the Yolo County Public Health Officer issued on March 18, 2020, all non-essential services within the county were suspended. Following the health guidelines and taking into account California Family Code 359, which requires applicants to appear in person and present suitable identification in order verify an applicant's name and date of birth, the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder, along with other Clerk-Recorder Offices in the state, chose to suspend the issuance of marriage licenses and performing of marriage ceremonies in order to safeguard the health and safety of the public and employees.

In the recent weeks, the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder has been aware of the need for couples to get a marriage license and to have a marriage ceremony performed. In this current time of work and health insecurity, we are hearing from couples who may need to get their significant other onto a health plan, maybe add them to the title of their home or who merely want to get married before an impending deployment overseas. "We understood the important need and started working diligently on a creative solution," says Jesse Salinas, Yolo County Assessor/ Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. "Working closely with other county departments our office has developed a new marriage license process that will allow us to re-establish this service to Yolo County residents at a basic level while adhering to physical distance guidelines."

Commencing on Monday, April 20, 2020, the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder Office will begin accepting appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays for marriage license and marriage ceremonies. Appointments will only be available to couples where at least one member is a resident of Yolo County. Couples will also be required to complete their Marriage License Application online prior to their appointment. (<u>https://yolocountyca-web.tylerhost.net/web/user/disclaimer</u>) Interested couples may call the Yolo County Clerk-Recorder at 530-666-8130, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for more information..

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