MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,
_____ COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA   )

) ss.   CONSENT FOR MINOR

County of _____)

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_____ and _____, being first duly sworn, on oath depose and say: That they are the parents of _____ and, as such, are her _____ his _____ natural guardians. We hereby consent to her _____ his _____ marriage to _____.

_____   _____

Father   Mother

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

                                  Clerk/Deputy Clerk of Court

    (SEAL)

                                  Signature: _____

Enter the name(s) and date(s) of birth for those children of whom both parties are the parents, born prior to making of this application, unless the parent-child relationship has been terminated.

Name	Date of Birth

MONTANA _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, _____ COUNTY

IN RE: APPLICATION OF

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR PERSONS OF THE AGE 16 OR 17 YEARS WHO WISH TO MARRY

Montana Law, Section 40-1-213, MCA, 2021, provides that the District Court <u>may</u> order the Clerk of the District Court to issue a marriage license and a marriage certificate for any party age 16 or 17 years under the following conditions:

1. That the person 16 or 17 years of age have the consent of both parents or of the parent having actual care and custody of the minor.

2. The court <u>must</u> require both parties (irrespective of age) <u>to participate in a period of marriage counseling involving at least two separate counseling sessions not less than 10 days apart</u> with a designated counselor as a condition of the Order for issuance of a marriage license and marriage certificate form.

3. The marriage license and certificate form may only be issued if the Court finds that the underaged party is capable of assuming the responsibilities of marriage and the marriage will serve the best interest of the parties.

4. Pregnancy alone <u>does not</u> establish that the best interest of the parties will be served.

5. The parties wishing to marry must furnish the Court with a certificate from someone qualified as a marriage counselor in the following form:

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE COUNSELING

I, _____, certify that I counseled _____

_____ and _____ concerning their ability

to accept the responsibilities of marriage on the following dates: _____ and

_____ that were at least two sessions that covered a time period of 10 days or more.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

The Court requires a letter from the marriage counselor indicating an opinion of the evaluator of the ability of the parties to assume the responsibilities of marriage and whether marriage is in the best interests of the parties.