

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF _____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 CIVIL ACTION

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PLAINTIFF	:	
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vs.	:	Case No. _____
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	:	IN DIVORCE
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_____	:	
DEFENDANT	:	

NOTICE TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take prompt action. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a decree of divorce or annulment may be entered against you by the Court. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claim or relief requested in these papers by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you, including custody or visitation of your children.

When the ground for the divorce is indignities or irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, you may request marriage counseling. A list of marriage counselors is available in the Office of the Prothonotary at _____
 (Room Number – Address)

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FOR ALIMONY, DIVISION OF PROPERTY, LAWYER'S FEES OR EXPENSES BEFORE A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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**COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE UNDER
SECTION 3301(c) OR 3301(d) OF THE DIVORCE CODE**

1. Plaintiff is _____(Name), an adult individual who currently resides at _____ (Address), _____ (City), _____ (County), _____ (State), since _____ (Date).
2. Defendant is _____ (Name), an adult individual who currently resides at _____ (Address), _____ (City), _____ (County), _____ (State) since _____ (Date).
3. () Plaintiff and/or () Defendant has/have been bona fide resident(s) in the Commonwealth for at least six months immediately previous to the filing of this Complaint.
4. The plaintiff and defendant were married on _____(Date) at _____(City) _____(State/County).
5. There have been no prior actions of divorce or for annulment between the parties, except _____.
6. The marriage is irretrievably broken.

7. Plaintiff has been advised that counseling is available and that Plaintiff may have the right to request that the Court require the parties to participate in counseling.
8. Plaintiff requests that the Court enter a decree of divorce.

I verify that the statements in the foregoing Complaint in Divorce are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

Plaintiff's Signature

Plaintiff's Name

(Address)

(Address)

(Telephone)