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**30-1-6 Who may solemnize marriages -- Certificate.**

(1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Judge or magistrate of the United States" means:
  - (i) a justice of the United States Supreme Court;
  - (ii) a judge of a court of appeals;
  - (iii) a judge of a district court;
  - (iv) a judge of any court created by an act of Congress, the judges of which are entitled to hold office during good behavior;
  - (v) a judge of a bankruptcy court;
  - (vi) a judge of a tax court; or
  - (vii) a United States magistrate.

(b)

- (i) "Native American spiritual advisor" means an individual who:
  - (A) leads, instructs, or facilitates a Native American religious ceremony or service or provides religious counseling; and
  - (B) is recognized as a spiritual advisor by a federally recognized Native American tribe.
- (ii) "Native American spiritual advisor" includes a sweat lodge leader, medicine person, traditional religious practitioner, or holy man or woman.

(2) The following individuals may solemnize a marriage:

- (a) an individual 18 years old or older who is authorized by a religious denomination to solemnize a marriage;
- (b) a Native American spiritual advisor;
- (c) the governor;
- (d) the lieutenant governor;
- (e) the state attorney general;
- (f) the state treasurer;
- (g) the state auditor;
- (h) a mayor of a municipality or county executive;
- (i) a justice, judge, or commissioner of a court of record;
- (j) a judge of a court not of record of the state;
- (k) a judge or magistrate of the United States;
- (l) the county clerk of any county in the state or the county clerk's designee as authorized by Section 17-20-4;
- (m) a senator or representative of the Utah Legislature;
- (n) a member of the state's congressional delegation; or
- (o) a judge or magistrate who holds office in Utah when retired, under rules set by the Supreme Court.

(3) An individual authorized under Subsection (2) who solemnizes a marriage shall give to the couple married a certificate of marriage that shows the:

- (a) name of the county from which the license is issued; and
- (b) date of the license's issuance.

(4) Except for an individual described in Subsection (2)(l), an individual described in Subsection (2) has discretion to solemnize a marriage.

(5) Except as provided in Section 17-20-4 and Subsection (2)(l), and notwithstanding any other provision in law, no individual authorized under Subsection (2) to solemnize a marriage may delegate or deputize another individual to perform the function of solemnizing a marriage.

