

## Affidavit of Identity by One Credible Witness

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year), under penalties of perjury, I, swear (or affirm) that the person appearing before the undersigned notary public is personally known to me as \_\_\_\_\_ (name of person requiring a notarial act); and is the person named in the document requiring notarization; that I believe this person does not possess the required identification; that it would be difficult or impossible for this person to obtain such identification; and that I have no financial interest in and am not a party to the underlying transaction.

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Witness)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Witness)

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State of Virginia

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month/year), by

\_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to both me and  
(name of single witness)

the signer and who has produced satisfactory identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of notary public)

Stamp/Seal

Notary Public:

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

This certificate pertains to a \_\_\_\_\_ page document dealing with/entitled \_\_\_\_\_ and signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

## Credible Witness Affidavit Instructions

One witness is sufficient if the notary personally knows the witness and the witness knows the document signer.

Use two witnesses if neither witness is personally known to the notary. Both witnesses must personally know the document signer and be able to produce acceptable identification to the notary.

The witness or witnesses must also swear or affirm before the notary that the signer named in the document has no identification and is unable to obtain any, and that the witness is not a party to and has no financial interest in the transaction.

**Be certain to attach the credible witness affidavit securely to the document being executed to prove your method of identification of the signer.**

When you use this form of identification, place the witness under oath as follows:

### Credible Witness Oath

*“Do you solemnly swear or affirm, under penalties of perjury, that the following are true:*

- That you personally know this person as (name of person whose signature is to be notarized);
- That it is your reasonable belief that this person does not possess any identification required for a notarization;
- That it is your reasonable belief that it would be difficult or impossible for this person to obtain such identification; and
- That you are not a party to the transaction and have no financial interest in the transaction taking place.