

# AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF [STATE] ) ) ss. COUNTY OF [COUNTY WHERE THE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED] )

## 1. Affiant Identification and Competence

I, [AFFIANT NAME], residing at [AFFIANT ADDRESS], being first duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years, am of sound mind, suffer no legal disabilities, and am competent to make this Affidavit. I make this statement freely, without coercion or duress.
2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below, except where stated to be upon information and belief, and if called as a witness I could and would testify competently to such facts.
3. I am making this Affidavit in my individual capacity based on my own personal knowledge.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of this Affidavit is as follows: [PURPOSE OF THIS AFFIDAVIT]

## 3. Statement of Facts

[NUMBERED FACTS ONE FACT PER PARAGRAPH]

## Oath and Penalty of Perjury

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of [STATE] that I know the contents of this Affidavit signed by me and that the statements set forth above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

## Signature of Affiant

**Affiant**

\_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE

## Notary Jurat

State of [STATE] County of [COUNTY WHERE THE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, **20**, by [AFFIANT NAME], who is personally known to me or who produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
[NOTARY SEAL]

***Jurat vs. acknowledgment.** This certificate is a **jurat** — the correct notarial certificate for an affidavit. A jurat (i) requires the affiant to appear before the notary, (ii) requires the affiant to sign in the notary's presence (no pre-signing), and (iii) includes administration of an oath or affirmation. An **acknowledgment** (used for deeds, powers of attorney, and contracts) does NOT include an oath and is the wrong certificate for an affidavit. Using an acknowledgment in place of a jurat may cause a court to reject the affidavit as defective.*