CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1657**

Chapter 86, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

MARRIAGE—SOLEMNIZATION BY FEDERAL JUDICIAL OFFICERS

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

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| Passed by the House February 13, 2023  Yeas 96 Nays 0  LAURIE JINKINS  **Speaker of the House of Representatives**  Passed by the Senate March 31, 2023  Yeas 48 Nays 0  DENNY HECK  **President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATE  I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1657** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.  BERNARD DEAN  Chief Clerk |
| Approved April 13, 2023 10:05 AM | April 13, 2023 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Street, Cheney, Simmons, Taylor, Ormsby, and Hutchins

AN ACT Relating to the authority of justices, judges, and judicial officers of federal courts to solemnize marriages; and amending RCW 26.04.050.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

**Sec.**  RCW 26.04.050 and 2019 c 52 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:

The following named officers and persons, active or retired, are hereby authorized to solemnize marriages, to wit: Justices of the supreme court((~~,~~)); judges of the court of appeals((~~,~~)); judges of the superior courts((~~,~~)); supreme court commissioners((~~,~~)); court of appeals commissioners((~~,~~)); superior court commissioners((~~,~~)); judges and commissioners of courts of limited jurisdiction as defined in RCW 3.02.010((~~,~~)); justices of the supreme court of the United States; judges and judicial officers of the federal courts; judges of tribal courts from a federally recognized tribe((~~,~~)); and any regularly licensed or ordained minister or any priest, imam, rabbi, or similar official of any religious organization. The solemnization of a marriage by a tribal court judge pursuant to authority under this section does not create tribal court jurisdiction and does not affect state court authority as otherwise provided by law to enter a judgment for purposes of any dissolution, legal separation, or other proceedings related to the marriage that is binding on the parties and entitled to full faith and credit.

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