



# TENESHIA HUDSPETH

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### **Harris County Clerk's Office Issues One Millionth Marriage License**

**(Houston, TX)** – June is a popular month for weddings and the Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) is happy to announce that its Personal Records office in downtown Houston recently issued its one millionth marriage license. According to Harris County Archives, HCCO recorded its first marriage license in 1837.

"On average, our office issues about 2,500 marriage licenses each month," said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth. "Some couples even opt to get married on the same day, which involves finding a Judge that will waive the 72 hour waiting period."

The one millionth marriage license was issued to Mr. and Mrs. Marcelo Pestana on June 22. The happy couple was married that same day by Judge Michael Newman, Harris County Probate Court #2.

In 2019, HCCO issued nearly 32,000 marriage licenses; however, that number dropped by half in 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Last year, the number of marriage licenses issued rose to more than 28,000 after vaccine rollouts and restrictions were lifted. So far this year, the office has issued more than 15,100 marriage licenses.

"We are thrilled to see the numbers rise now that the COVID-19 threat is lower," added Clerk Hudspeth. "Our office is open for business and we look forward to serving our residents."

Couples can apply for a marriage license in person at one of our [11 locations](#). A valid I.D. is required and the fee is \$74.00. For additional information, call the Personal Records Department at 713-274-8686.

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**HCCO reached a historic milestone when its Personal Records Department issued its one millionth marriage license to Mr. and Mrs. Marcelo Pestana. Congratulations!**