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THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY *Issues Hundreds of Marriage Licenses*

(Houston, Texas) – Love was in the air at the Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO). Area couples wanting to get married on Valentine's Day, solicited marriage licenses several days ahead of February 14, and more than 200 others waited until the actual date to apply and then exchange vows. HCCO issued a total of 1,365 marriage licenses between February 1st and 14th.

"On Valentine's Day, our office had appointments scheduled every 15 minutes at our downtown location and at our annexes as well," **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth**. "We also had many walk-ins get their marriage licenses and head straight to a judge's court to get married."

In 2019, HCCO issued nearly 32,000 marriage licenses; however, that number dropped in 2020 to about 15,700 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Last year, the number of marriage licenses issued rose to more than 28,000 after vaccine rollouts and lifted restrictions.

In celebration of Valentine's Day this year, HCCO set up photo booths in the personal records office at its downtown location to take photos of couples getting their marriage licenses that day. In addition to the commemorative photos, the office also handed out roses and held a drawing for a gift card for a dinner for two.

"This was a small token and a way to celebrate love and the public's resilience during these challenging times," added Clerk Hudspeth. "The turnout was amazing and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces."

To see photos of our Valentine's Day couples, visit our social media pages **@HarrisCoTXClerk**.

As a reminder, couples must apply for a marriage license in person. To schedule an appointment go to <http://cclerk.hctx.net/Applications/AppointmentBooking/>. For information about requirements, visit our website www.cclerk.hctx.net.

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Valentine's Day 2022

Photo booth image of newlyweds, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Navarro.



Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth poses with happy couple on Valentine's Day.



Congratulations to Mr.& Mrs. Oni.