## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(i),

#### AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS

#### When should this form be used?

This form may be used to prove residency in a **dissolution of marriage** proceeding. To get a divorce in Florida, either the husband or the wife must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing the petition. Residency may be proved by a valid Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter's registration card (issue date of document must be at least 6 months before the date the case is actually filed with the clerk of the circuit court), or the testimony or **affidavit** of someone other than you or your spouse. This form is used to prove residency by affidavit. The person signing this form must know that you have lived in the State of Florida for at least 6 months before the date you signed your **petition** for dissolution of marriage.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink, and signed in the presence of a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy</u> <u>clerk</u>. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not <u>served</u> on him or her with your initial papers.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see section 61.021, Florida Statutes or section 61.052(2), Florida Statutes.

#### Special notes...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  $\square$  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: Division:

Petitioner.

and

Respondent.

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\_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, certify that I, {full legal name} the following statements are true: I am a resident of the State of Florida. I have known *{name}* since *{approximate date}* \_\_\_\_\_, (more than 6 months before the date of filing the petition in this action) and know of my own personal knowledge that this person has resided in the State of Florida for at least 6 months before the date of this affidavit. I have attached a copy of my Florida driver's license or Florida identification card to this affidavit.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature of Corroborating Witness
Printed Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
by
NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

## IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [ ≇ fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}

a nonlawyer, located at {street	}	, {city}
{state}	, {phone}	, helped {name}

\_\_\_,

who is the [ $\sqrt{}$  one only] \_\_\_\_ petitioner or \_\_\_\_ respondent, fill out this form.