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**JOINT COMPLAINT, PETITION, OR
DECLARATION FOR SIMPLIFIED DIVORCE:
example of general pleadings to request the
court to dissolve a marriage**

[Caption, Introduction, see Captions, Prayers, Etc.]

We, _____[name], Husband, and _____[name], Wife, make the following statements:

1. We both are requesting a dissolution of our marriage.
2. Husband is a resident of County of _____, State of _____, and has been a resident since _____[Date]. Wife is a resident of _____ County, State of _____, and has been a resident since _____[Date].
3. We were married to each other on _____[date] in the City of _____, County of _____, State or Country of _____.
4. Our marriage is _____[irretrievably broken or has serious, permanent differences or as statutorily authorized].
5. Together, we have no minor or dependent children and Wife is not pregnant.
6. We have made a marital settlement agreement dividing our property and our bills. We are satisfied with this agreement. The attached agreement was signed freely and voluntarily by each of us, and we intend to be bound by it.
7. [If required: We have each filled out and signed financial statements that are attached to this petition.
8. [If applicable: Wife wants to have her former name restored to _____].
9. We each certify that we have not been threatened or pressured into signing this request. We each understand that the result of signing this request may be a final dissolution of our marriage with no further relief.
10. We each understand that we are both required to appear before the judge to testify to the matters contained in this request.
11. We understand that we each may have legal rights against each other arising out of the marriage and that by signing this request we may be giving up those rights.
12. Neither of us is a member of the military.
13. We ask the court to dissolve our marriage and enforce the marital settlement agreement.

[Signature, Verification, see Captions, Prayers, Etc.]