

# Lincolnshire Naming Ceremony - Adult Sample Script

## START OF THE CEREMONY

Good morning/afternoon. My name is <Registrar> and it will be my privilege and pleasure to conduct the ceremony here today.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (*individual first name*), I would like to welcome you all here to share their special day with them as they celebrate their new name and journey.

Almost all cultures have ceremonies to mark the important stages of our lives. Such celebrations solidify and celebrate a bond between all those who participate; they enable us to define new roles and to acknowledge new journeys, successes and beginnings.

They mark a person's transition through life stages and highlight the values and beliefs important to us.

Today everyone is gathered as we support \_\_\_\_\_ (individuals name) as they embark on this new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Together they, and all of you here today will be making promises to love and nurture \_\_\_\_\_ (individuals name) as he/she/they continue their journey through life's rich tapestry.

Some of you have been chosen by them to take on a special role of being the supporting people for \_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*) by taking on the role of supporting friends / parents etc.

The supporting people will be making promises to cherish, love and support \_\_\_\_\_ (individuals name) throughout their life.

These promises not only mark the beginning of a new chapter but also strengthens the bond between you all as you come together to encourage, support, inspire and champion one another.

**Suitable place for a reading (suggested length 3 minutes or less).**

## FORMAL NAMING

We have now come to the moment for \_\_\_\_\_ (individuals name) to formally declare their name. Names give us our identity, and the meanings, history and gift of a name can shape futures, encouraging us to grow into our best version of ourselves. A chosen name has even more significance as we give ourselves a true sense of belonging and shows the world our truth and the person we are and are destined to be.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*supporting people*), I ask you now to please come forward with \_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*).

\_\_\_\_\_ (Individuals name) and please tell us the name(s) you have chosen.

**Person to say out loud the full name(s) chosen.**

\_\_\_\_\_ (*individual full name*), on behalf of your family and friends who are here today in your honour, we welcome you. Our wish for you is that you are always surrounded by love, peace, security, and happiness and that your life is full of joy, good health, and adventure.

*Potential place to declare pro-nouns?*

**Suitable place for a second reading (suggested length 3 minutes or less).**

## SUPPORTING PROMISES

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*supporting people*), I am now going to ask you to declare your promises to your \_\_\_\_\_ (son/daughter/friend etc.)

*You may choose one or more of the promises from the options below.*

*Supporting people to say "I promise" after each declaration*

- 1. Do you promise that you will always love and support person's name to the very best of your ability?**
- 2. Do you promise that person's name will be able to trust you with his / her / their thoughts and turn to you for reassurance and help whenever he / she / they may need it?**
- 3. Do you promise that you will always be ready to listen to person's name and to show them honesty, generosity, and tolerance?**
- 4. Do you promise to inspire person's name to follow his / her / their dreams and encourage him / her / them to persevere in his / her / their every endeavour?**
- 5. Custom promises**

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (*supporting people*), you have now made promises to \_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*).

Everyone here today wishes you strength, courage, and happiness as you continue this very special journey in your lives.

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE AND PHOTOGRAPHS

If I could ask you all now to please confirm these promises by signing the record of this happy event.

*Option to play music as commemorative certificate is signed by individual and supporting people (approx. 5 mins)*

\_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*), you have been welcomed into a loving family and circle of friends and today is evidence that you will receive love and support throughout your life. Our wish for you is that this will grow even stronger throughout your lifetime. Everyone here today wishes you good health, happiness, and a very bright future.

It now gives me great pleasure to present you with your certificate of naming for \_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*).

## CONCLUSION

Thank you all for being here today to share this ceremony with (*individuals full name*)

It has been a real privilege to be part of this special day and I do hope that today becomes one of your very precious memories.

Please join me in a round of applause for \_\_\_\_\_ (*individuals name*)

## CONGRATUALATIONS

*Option to play a final song as you exit the ceremony room, followed by your guests.*