Notice: This is a legally binding document. It acknowledges that you and the other signatory are legally married. Any changes in your common-law marriage, such as a divorce, will require a court order. It may not be necessary to sign this document in order to obtain Rice benefits; please consult a Rice benefits coordinator or your own advisor before signing.

AFFIDAVIT REGARDING COMMON LAW MARRIAGE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF HARRIS §

We, the undersigned, being of lawful age, attest to the following facts:

1. We are each 18 years of age or older.

2. We have agreed to be married, and we have lived together continuously (and in Texas) as husband and wife from _________________ to the present time. During this period we have represented to others in Texas that we are husband and wife.

3. There is no legal impediment or obstacle to our marriage; neither of us is a party to a prior marriage that has not been legally terminated by death or divorce.

4. __________ is either enrolled or eligible to enroll in a Rice University benefit plan and __________ is his/her lawful spouse who desires to be covered as an eligible dependent according to the rules and terms of the plan.

5. The following children have been born to us and we hereby acknowledge such children to be our lawful children:

   ___________________   ___________________

   ___________________   ___________________

Employee’s Name:____________________ Spouse’s Name:____________________
Signature:____________________ Signature:____________________
Date:____________________ Date:____________________

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the ______ day of ________________, 20___

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: ______________