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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Clerk to perform ceremony on the most romantic day of the year

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 20, 2007 – Clearwater, FL – A group wedding ceremony will be performed in the charming courtyard of the Clearwater Courthouse, by Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ken Burke, on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14, 2008 the Clerk's Office announced today.

"Traditionally, Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year at our offices," said Ken Burke, Clerk of the Circuit Court. "Last year's event was such a phenomenal success for the Clerk's Office, we decided to do it again. I got snowed in last year, so this will be the first time I will perform a group ceremony."

The normal \$30 fee to perform the marriage has been waived by the Clerk for couples choosing to wed in the special group ceremony. Standard marriage license fees will still apply. Couples who would like to participate must sign up for the ceremony in any Pinellas County Clerk's office no later than Thursday, February 7, 2008. Marriage licenses must be applied for between December 17, 2007 and Monday, February 11, 2008 in order to participate on the February 14, 2008 wedding date, according to Burke.

The ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in the courtyard at 315 Court St., Clearwater, FL 33756. Couples will receive a special, commemorative Marriage Certificate at the ceremony. The official certificate of marriage will be mailed within one week from the date of the ceremony. Couples participating in the group ceremony that day will also receive a wedding photo. The standard photo fee of \$10 will be waived for group ceremony participants. All couples wishing to have a wedding photo taken should arrive at the Clerk's Office by 12 noon on the day of the event.

Individual ceremonies will still be conducted by the Clerk's staff in the Clerk's offices on a first come, first serve basis. Standard marriage license fees and ceremony and fees will apply. Wedding photos may be purchased for individual ceremonies for the standard additional \$10.00 fee.

For more information regarding the process and locations to apply for a marriage license, contact Recording Services at 727-464-4876 or visit the Clerk's website at <http://www.pinellasclerk.org>.

ABOUT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

The Clerk of the Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all County Funds.