

1779 Declaration “One-Pager” How To...

1) Start Here -> Attain Two Witness Testimonies

- Use Witness Affirmation Form (you will need to print at least 2 copies)
- Witnesses should be at least 18 years old and have known you for 7 years or more
- Attach your in-color (2” x 2”, 300 dpi) photo to each Witness Testimony or place a scanned photo in the word file
- Witnesses should use **blue-ink** to fill out the Witness Affirmation forms for you
- Witness Testimonies need to be notarized when your witnesses sign and date them

2) Obtain Passport-Quality Color Photo

- Make sure to use a clean white background for your photo
- Ensure to use 300 dpi photo resolution, at least (print quality)
- Crop your photo at 640 pixels x 640 pixels and scale it down to 2” x 2” (lock aspect ratio)

3) Complete 1779 Declaration “One-Pager”

Inputs you will need

- Name of the State where you were born County and State, you currently live in Current: day, month, year
- Do not date or autograph until you are in front of the notary**
- Add your **Right thumb print in RED-INK**, thumb print needs to touch your printed name

4) Make a color photo copy of your real long-form Birth Certificate

- Obtain a copy of your long-form Birth Certificate (Obtaining several copies is recommended)
- You should be able to go online and order Birth Certificates from the state you were born in or the VitalChek website here: <https://www.vitalchek.com/v/birth-certificates/>
- Make a color copy of your Birth Certificate to send to your Recording Secretary

5) Recording and Publishing Your 1779 Documents

- You should have four (6) documents ready for your recording secretary
 - (2) Witness Testimonies
 - (3) 1779 Declaration wet-ink originals
 - (1) Color copy of your Birth Certificate
- It is preferred to have an Assembly Recording Secretary record and publish these documents for you
- Ensure all documents are legible, in-color (original) and signed as listed above
- Email PDFs to the Recording Secretary
- Your Recording Secretary will apply their stamp and record the completed documents