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Near-Record Number of Couples Married on Valentine's Day!

A near-record number of couples – 170 – were married on Valentine's Day in civil ceremonies performed by the Clerk-Recorder Department, just three couples shy of the previous record of 173 couples who wed on the holiday in 1997. Last year, 157 couples tied the knot on Valentine's Day.

Happy couples exchanged vows throughout the day at the department's three wedding offices in Orange County. The greatest number of ceremonies, 101, was performed at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Ceremonies performed at the two branch offices included 39 at the North County branch office in historic downtown Fullerton and 30 at the South County branch office at the Laguna Hills Civic Center.

The offices also issued a total of 224 marriage licenses on the most romantic day of the year.

For decades, the Clerk-Recorder Department has made special accommodations for Valentine's Day, even opening ceremony rooms when the day falls on a weekend. "Our goal is to assure that every couple who visits our offices has a truly special experience," said Assistant Clerk-Recorder Renee Ramirez.

Valentine's Day typically sees four times the volume of marriage ceremonies compared to an average day. In 2011, 135 couples were married when the holiday fell on a Monday. In 2008, when Valentine's Day was on a Friday, 139 couples wed in civil ceremonies.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording documents related to real property transactions, maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses and performing civil wedding ceremonies. The department also files Fictitious Business Names, Notary Public oaths and bonds, and processes passport applications. The department oversees the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education, preserving Orange County history for the public.

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