

**§ 7A-98. Unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury.**

(a) Any matter required or permitted to be supported, evidenced, established, or proved in writing under oath or affirmation may, if filed electronically pursuant to rules promulgated by the Supreme Court under G.S. 7A-49.5, with like force and effect be supported, evidenced, established, or proved by an unsworn declaration in writing, subscribed by the declarant and dated, that the statement is true under penalty of perjury.

(b) Declarations given pursuant to this section shall be deemed sufficient if given in substantially the following form:

"I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of North Carolina that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)."

(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, this section does not apply to, and such unsworn declarations shall not be deemed sufficient for, any of the following:

- (1) Oral testimony.
- (2) Oaths of office.
- (3) Any statement under oath or affirmation required to be taken before a specified official other than a notary public.
- (4) Any will or codicil executed pursuant to G.S. 31-11.6.
- (5) Any real property deed, contract, or lease requiring an acknowledgment pursuant to G.S. 47-17. (2021-47, s. 17(a).)