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The direct answer

An affidavit of identity is a sworn statement confirming who you are, often used to connect a name variant (maiden name, prior legal name, a misspelling on an old deed or title) to the same person across public records. Unlike a Declaration of Domicile or an HSMV form, there's no single state-prescribed template; the requesting party, bank, title company, or your attorney typically provides the exact wording needed. I notarize it under a jurat (you swear to its truth in front of me), not a plain acknowledgment.

What makes this different from an acknowledgment

Most notarizations use an acknowledgment: you confirm you signed the document voluntarily. An affidavit uses a jurat: you swear or affirm the contents are true, and I administer that oath or affirmation as part of the notarization, per Fla. Stat. §117.05(13). Confirm the document has jurat language, not acknowledgment language, before the appointment; the two aren't interchangeable, and the difference matters to whoever is requesting the affidavit.

Pre-signing checklist

- [ ] Confirm who is requesting the affidavit (title company, bank, court, other agency) and get their exact required wording if they've specified it. I don't draft this content; if you don't have wording yet, that's a conversation with the requesting party or your attorney, not with the notary.
- [ ] Confirm the document uses jurat language ("sworn to and subscribed before me"), not acknowledgment language.
- [ ] Gather documentation for any name variant being affirmed (marriage certificate, prior ID, court order changing name) to bring to the appointment, in case the requesting party wants it referenced or attached.
- [ ] One current government-issued photo ID matching your current legal name.
- [ ] Document remains unsigned until the appointment; I administer the oath as part of the signing, I can't notarize a sworn statement you already signed elsewhere.

At the appointment

1. I confirm your identity against your government-issued photo ID.
2. I administer the oath or affirmation.
3. You sign in my presence.
4. I complete the jurat, apply my seal, and complete the journal entry.

What EMC does not do

I don't draft the affidavit's content or wording, don't determine whether an affidavit of identity is the right document for your situation (versus, for example, a different name-affidavit format a specific title company or court wants), and don't advise on how the affidavit will be treated by the receiving party. Confirm the exact wording and purpose with whoever is requesting the affidavit before the appointment.

Disclaimer, Fla. Stat. §117.05(10), verbatim: "I am not an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Florida, and I may not give legal advice or accept fees for legal advice."

Next step

Bring the affidavit's exact required wording (from the requesting party or your attorney) and one government-issued photo ID. Tell me if it's connected to a real-estate closing or a title correction so I can confirm whether recording applies (see `templates/deed-recording-cover-sheet.md` if so).