

I, Grzegorz, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I was born on February .., 1957, in the city of Szczecin, Poland.
2. I first came to the United States in 1981, as a refugee. I became a naturalized United States citizen about fifteen years ago. I cannot find my Certificate of Naturalization, so I do not know my Naturalization Number or my Alien Registration number. However, I was able to find a copy of the signature page from my U.S. passport. That copy is attached as Exhibit 1 to this affidavit and made a part hereof.
3. I currently reside in the United States in care of the South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten Island, N.Y., where I have been an inpatient since November of 2001. The address and telephone number of the Center are as follows: 777 Seaview Avenue, Staten Island, N.Y. 10305, telephone number 718/667-2300.
4. I am making this affidavit in support of the joint petition of my wife, Lyudmila (maiden name), and myself, for the removal of the conditions on her permanent resident status.
5. I first met my future wife in November of 1999, on my first visit to Belarus. I was visiting my friends Tatyana and Sergey, who lived at that time in the city of Grodno, in Belarus, while on the way to visiting my family in Poland. Tatyana was an English teacher of Emma, a friend of Lyudmila. Emma introduced me to Lyudmila and Lyudmila and I fell in love at first sight. We got married on December .., 1999, in Grodno, then spent our honeymoon in Poland, where Lyudmila lived with me in the home of my family. Thereafter, I had to return to the United States, while Lyudmila had to return to Belarus. This period of physical separation lasted more

than one year, but we were in constant communication throughout it, and it was not a continuous separation, since I was able to visit her on two occasions, during which time we lived together happily as husband and wife.

6. In April of 2001 Lyudmila came to live with me in the U.S. At that time I was working for a moving company and living in North Charleston, South Carolina, so that was where Lyudmila and I lived together. We were both very happy.

7. In June of 2001, we moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. Shortly after that I became quite sick emotionally. I had lived in New York City for many years before moving to South Carolina. When I now moved back to New York City, suddenly and quite unexpectedly I was overcome by memories of the difficult life I had experienced in New York (amongst these experiences was the death of the young son I had from a previous marriage). I became consumed with anger and frustration; adding to my bitterness, I was also overcome with a profound depression. I found temporary relief in the abuse of alcohol, but in the long run this abuse only made matters worse. I took out my unhappiness on my dear wife. I can see now how badly I behaved towards her and I am astonished and grateful at how, despite my miserable behavior, she continued and continues to be good to me.

8. I have been a psychiatric inpatient since July of 2001: first at Coney Island Hospital, then at the South Beach Psychiatric Center. Throughout my hospitalization Lyudmila called me on the telephone every day, so I always knew what was going on in her life, just as she knew all about me, in this same way, and accompanied me through the many changes I have experienced in the past 1 and 1/2 years, in the ultimate direction, I believe, of insight and improvement. Lyudmila has always been there for me, even when I was not there for her, providing me with moral support and helping in my recovery. I feel much better now than I did before I entered the hospitals for treatment: my mood is better, and I feel that I can now cope much

better than I did before with the inevitable stresses of life. I expect to be discharged soon and to have a normal life once again with my beloved Lyudmila.

9. Lyudmila and I married each other because we loved each other and wanted to have a family together. Only my illness has prevented me from living together with my wife all this time. We still love each other and want to be as we once were, living together and happy.

Grzegorz

Sworn to before me this
day of March, 2003

Notary Public