

《批准了！纽约居民通过视频远程登记结婚》

封锁禁令没解除，婚姻登记机构不开门，可就是想跟另一半结婚怎么办?纽约州州长的答复是：在网上结!纽约州新颁布的行政令允许人们在网上通过视频来远程登记结婚。



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New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed an order allowing online marriages, as many weddings are cancelled under lockdown restrictions.

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From now on, people in the US state will be able to apply for marriage licences remotely and clerks allowed to conduct ceremonies virtually.

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Mr Cuomo joked that the decision meant there was now "no excuse" for couples not to tie the knot.

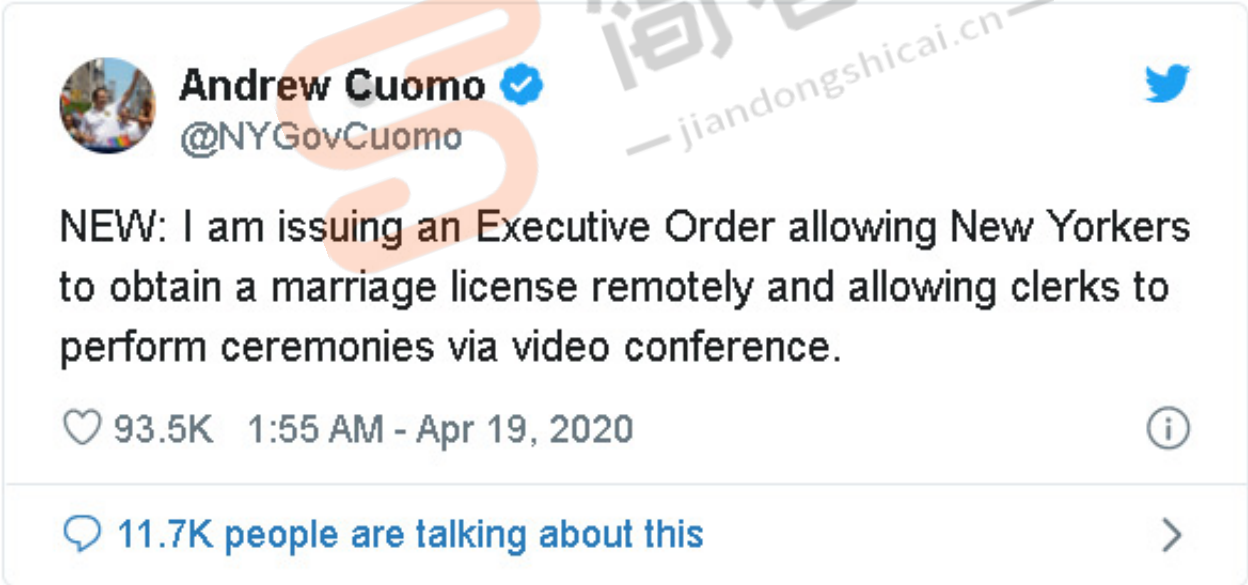
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"You can do it by Zoom. Yes or no?" he said in his briefing on Saturday.

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The decision comes after New York state extended lockdown measures until May 15. More than 13,000 people have died of coronavirus in New York city alone.

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The image shows a screenshot of a tweet from Andrew Cuomo, the Governor of New York. The tweet text reads: "NEW: I am issuing an Executive Order allowing New Yorkers to obtain a marriage license remotely and allowing clerks to perform ceremonies via video conference." The tweet has 93.5K likes and was posted at 1:55 AM on April 19, 2020. Below the tweet, it says "11.7K people are talking about this". The background of the screenshot has a large, semi-transparent watermark for "简答网" (Jiandongshicai.cn).

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Social media reaction to the decision was mixed.

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Some questioned why couples would choose to hold weddings when their families and friends are unable to join them, or criticised the governor for not prioritising other decisions.

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But others pointed out that during a pandemic, marriage could offer practical benefits, such as allowing couples to share health insurance coverage.

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New York isn't the first place to turn to the internet to offer a legal solution.

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The United Arab Emirates (UAE) recently announced that citizens and residents would be allowed to get married online, after the justice ministry created a website for couples to submit required documents. A virtual ceremony, complete with a registrar and witnesses, can then take place.

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Similar measures have been introduced in the US state of Colorado, where couples are being allowed to apply for marriage licences online.

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Meanwhile, one county in Ohio is allowing people to obtain marriage licences online in specific circumstances, such as when one of the partners is a health care worker, suffers from a serious illness or has health insurance issues.

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