

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 110

COORDINATION OF CITYWIDE SERVICES FOR VETERANS

January 17, 2008

WHEREAS, veterans have played a crucial role in creating and protecting the freedoms that all New Yorkers enjoy; and

WHEREAS, a large segment of the City's population consists of either veterans, or active duty or reserve members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and their families; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of veterans are employed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs ("MOVA") was created by Local Law No. 53 for the year 1987 to better assess the needs of the City's veteran population, and better coordinate service delivery to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, certain Mayoral agencies are responsible for providing a variety of health and human services to address the needs of our citizens, such as public assistance, employment and training, housing, health, medical and rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of MOVA coordinates City services and develops new strategies to address the needs of veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Agency Coordinators for Veterans' Services. The heads of all City agencies shall appoint a senior level staff member of appropriate managerial authority whose duty (in addition to his or her other responsibilities) it shall be:

- a. to become familiar with personnel policies affecting veterans, reservists, and National Guardsmen, and the special needs of and services available to such persons and family members. The appointed staff members shall make themselves available to the Commissioner of MOVA on an as needed basis for advice, consultation, periodic training and information-sharing; and
- b. to identify all services provided by their agencies that are available to servicemembers, veterans and their families and inform MOVA of such services in order to establish coherent and effective service delivery mechanisms.

§ 2. Annual Plan. The Commissioner of MOVA shall set forth an annual plan assessing the needs of the City's veterans community, and methods by which MOVA shall coordinate existing, or develop new, services and partnerships to address those needs with the appropriate City agencies, community-based organizations, and the private sector. The annual plan shall be submitted no later than July 1 of each year.

§ 3. Veterans' Memorial Hall. The City shall provide appropriate office space to be utilized for veterans' service organizations. The Commissioner shall oversee such space which shall be known as Veterans' Memorial Hall and ensure that the occupants thereof utilize and maintain their offices in a manner consistent with an operational directive to be set forth by the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs to be followed by all such veterans' service organizations.

§ 4. Executive Order No. 22, dated November 28, 1990, is hereby REPEALED.

§ 5. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor