



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

Executive Order No. 48

January 7, 1993

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, significant changes in our society have resulted in the creation of diverse living arrangements and the development of an expanded concept of the family unit; and

WHEREAS, many of these living arrangements involve long-term committed relationships between unmarried persons; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to provide a means of recognizing persons with such committed and sharing relationships;

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

Section 1. Establishment of a Domestic Partnership Registration Program. A procedure for the registration and termination of domestic partnerships with the City Clerk is hereby established in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 2. Domestic Partnership Defined. Domestic partners are two people, both of whom are eighteen years of age or older, neither of whom is married or related by blood in a

manner that would bar their marriage in New York State, who have a close and committed personal relationship, who live together and have been living together on a continuous basis, who have registered as domestic partners and have not terminated the domestic partnership in accordance with Section 4 of this Executive Order.

Section 3. Domestic Partnership Registration. Persons may register as domestic partners if they are residents of the City of New York or at least one partner is employed by the City on the date of registration. In order to register, persons shall execute a domestic partnership registration certificate and submit it to the City Clerk, who shall maintain a registry of domestic partnerships. No person shall be eligible to register as a domestic partner who at the time of registration or at any time during the prior six months was registered as a member of another domestic partnership.

Section 4. Termination of Domestic Partnership. A domestic partner may terminate a registered domestic partnership by filing a termination statement with the City Clerk. The person filing the termination statement shall declare that the domestic partnership is terminated and if the termination statement has not been signed by both domestic partners, that the other domestic partner has been notified of such termination by registered mail, return receipt requested.


Section 5. Confidentiality of Domestic Partnership Information. The City Clerk shall establish procedures to ensure

the confidentiality of domestic partnership registrations. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the publication of statistics pertaining to domestic partnerships which have been registered by the City Clerk, provided that appropriate measures are taken to prevent identification of persons registered.

Section 6. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be deemed to supersede, alter, affect or conflict with any applicable City, State or Federal laws or rules.

Section 7. Executive Order No. 123, dated August 7, 1989, is hereby superseded, provided, however, that "Affidavits of Domestic Partnership for Bereavement Leave" which were previously filed in accordance with prior Executive Order No. 123 shall remain in force and effect unless terminated in accordance with procedures established by the Department of Personnel pursuant to that Executive Order. Registration pursuant to Executive Order No. 123 shall not preclude persons from registering as domestic partners pursuant to this Executive Order.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect March 1, 1993.



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