

EXHIBIT PX-12

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WHITEWOOD *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WOLF *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action

No. 13-1861-JEJ

DECLARATION OF DAVID PALMER

I, David Palmer, declare as follows:

1. I am a 66-year-old a Pennsylvania resident. I was born in Pennsylvania and have lived in Pennsylvania most of my life. I worked for the Newark Museum for thirty years, most recently as the Director of Exhibitions, until my retirement in 2004.
2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of *Whitewood et al. v. Wolf et al.* to briefly describe the importance of marriage to me and how the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's refusal to recognize my marriage is stigmatizing and hurtful.
3. I have reviewed the Declaration of Edwin Hill, which was also made in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. That declaration is accurate, and I agree with Ed's statements in his declaration.

4. I am always aware, when we travel, that our marriage is respected and acknowledged when we are away from home. Every single time we cross the Delaware River to come home, my heart drops a little as I remember that here, in our home, we are not married. I don't think we deserve that.

5. I agree that Pennsylvania's non-recognition of our marriage disrespects and devalues my love for Ed and the commitment that I have made to him.

6. Like Ed, I want to be able to declare myself as "Married" on my Pennsylvania income tax return. I am married to Ed, so checking the "Single" box feels wrong.

7. Like Ed, when he and I die, I want our death certificates to reflect our marriage. And, like Ed, I worry about the effect of the Pennsylvania inheritance tax on the survivor after one of us dies.

8. I make this declaration from my own knowledge of the facts and circumstances set forth above. If necessary, I could and would testify to these facts and circumstances.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on:

April 15, 2014



David Palmer