

# EXHIBIT PX-18

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 DIANA POLSON**

I, Diana Polson, declare as follows:

1. I am 37 years old, a Pennsylvania resident, and work with an organization that focuses on improving the economy in Pennsylvania for working people.
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 allow Dawn and me to declare our love and commitment through marriage is stigmatizing and hurtful to me and my family.
3. My partner, Dawn Plummer, and I have lived in Pittsburgh since 2011.

4. I have reviewed the Declaration of Dawn Plummer, which was also made in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment. That declaration is accurate, and I agree with Dawn's statements in her declaration.

5. Dawn and I consider ourselves a married couple, and Pennsylvania's refusal to allow Dawn and me to marry disrespects the commitment that we have made to one another and devalues our family. I, too, find it difficult to explain to our five-year-old son, E.P., why his parents are not married. I hope that we will be able to marry in Pennsylvania before our younger son, J.P., is old enough to ask the same questions.

6. 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:

4/16/14



Diana Polson