

DECLARATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

I. DECLARATION:

We, _____ and _____, each
(Employee - Print Name) (Domestic Partner - Print Name)

Certify and declare that we are domestic partners in accordance with the following criteria:

II. STATUS:

1. We affirm that this domestic partnership began on or about ____/____/____.
2. We are each other's sole domestic partner, and we intend to remain so indefinitely.
3. Neither of us is married to or legally separated from anyone else nor have had another domestic partner within the prior twelve (12) months.
4. We are both at least eighteen (18) years of age and mentally competent to consent to contract.
5. We are not related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which we legally reside.
6. We cohabit and reside together in the same residence and intend to do so indefinitely. We have resided in the same household for at least six months.
7. We are engaged in a committed relationship of mutual caring and support and are jointly responsible for our common welfare and living expenses. Our interdependence is demonstrated by providing **XYZ** at least three of the following (please check appropriate items):

_____ Common ownership of real property (joint deed or mortgage agreement) or a common leasehold interest in property

_____ Common ownership of a motor vehicle

_____ Driver's license listing a common address

_____ Proof of joint bank accounts or credit accounts

_____ Proof of designation as the primary beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits, or primary beneficiary designation under a partner's will

_____ Assignment of a durable property power of attorney or health care power of attorney

8. We are not in this relationship solely for the purpose of benefits coverage.
9. In those jurisdictions that permit filing for Domestic Partnership with applicable state or municipal agencies, applicants must show proof of compliance with the procedure.

III. DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF DOMESTIC PARTNER:

We understand that dependent children of _____
(Domestic Partner - Print Name) are eligible for coverage when they are:

- unmarried,
- primarily dependent on the employee for support,
- living with the employee in a regular parent-child relationship, and
- meet the age/school requirements of the plan of benefits.

IV. CHANGE IN DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP:

1. We have an obligation to notify **XYZ** by filing a Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership if there is any change in our domestic partnership status as attested to in this Declaration that would terminate this Declaration (e.g., due to death of a partner, a change in residence of one partner, termination of the relationship, etc.). We will notify **XYZ** within thirty-one (31) days of such change.
2. We understand that termination of this coverage (obtained as a result of completion of this Declaration) will be effective on the date the relationship ends as indicated on the Declaration of Termination of Domestic Partnership, providing coverage has not otherwise terminated due to standard policy provisions.

V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

1. We understand that a civil action may be brought against one or both of us for any losses (as well as attorney's fees and costs) due to any false statement contained in this Declaration or for failure to notify **XYZ** of changed circumstances as required in Section IV above. I, the undersigned employee, further understand that falsification of information in this Declaration, or failure to notify **XYZ** of changed circumstances pursuant to Section IV above may lead to disciplinary action against me, including discharge from employment.
2. We have provided the information in this Declaration for use by **XYZ** for the sole purpose of determining our eligibility for certain domestic partner benefits. We understand and agree that **XYZ** is not legally required to extend any such benefits.
3. We understand that this Declaration may have legal implications relating, for example, to our ownership of property or to taxability of benefits provided, and that before signing this Declaration, we should seek competent legal advice concerning such matters.

We affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the statements in this Declaration are true and correct.

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Employee's Signature	Date of Birth	Today's Date
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Domestic Partner's Signature	Date of Birth	Today's Date

Employee and Domestic Partner Address:

	State	Zip Code
City		

Sworn to before this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public