EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 36

September 7, 2018

MAYOR'S OFFICE TO END DOMESTIC AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the City of New York recognizes that acts of gender-based violence, which may include sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and domestic violence, are public health issues that impact the safety and well-being of City residents;

WHEREAS, the Office to Combat Domestic Violence was established in 2001 to address issues of domestic violence in the five boroughs;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is only one part of a larger spectrum of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in ensuring the safety and well-being of City residents, particularly vulnerable populations;

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

Section 1. The Office to Combat Domestic Violence will also be known as and perform its functions under the name of the Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (hereinafter the “Office”). Such office shall continue to be headed by a Director appointed by the Mayor.

§2. Organization and duties of the Office.

The Office shall:

(a) Continue to perform the functions and responsibilities assigned to it under section 19 of the City Charter.

(b) Perform the following additional duties:

i. Coordinate with City agencies and community-based organizations on gender-based and domestic violence prevention, intervention and services, including, but not limited to, sexual assault, human trafficking, intimate partner violence, family violence, and stalking.
ii. Develop policies and provide guidance to City agencies on programming, policies, and best practices relevant to gender-based and domestic violence.

iii. Establish and chair an advisory committee to review individual case-level data on gender-based and domestic violence fatalities, to the extent that such data is lawfully available to such committee, and provide recommendations to prevent or reduce fatalities. To the extent provided by law, the committee shall protect the privacy of any individuals involved in any such fatality while carrying out the provisions of this paragraph. The functions of such committee shall be distinct from and shall not affect the functions of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee established under section 19 of the City Charter.

§3. Agency cooperation. All agencies of the City of New York shall cooperate with the Office in the performance of its duties.

§4. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.

[Signature]
Bill de Blasio
Mayor