## **EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 135**

## June 30, 2010

## EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S EXTENDED MILITARY BENEFITS PROGRAM – DIFFERENTIAL PAY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, many New York City employees in the military reserves have been called to active duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

WHEREAS, New York City's Extended Military Benefits Program – Differential Pay Program (the "EMBP-DP") provides partial salary payments and continued benefits coverage to City employees serving extended military deployments in connection with certain designated operations;

WHEREAS, the EMBP-DP aids public servant soldiers who might otherwise be forced to go on unpaid leave, and lose benefits coverage, to satisfy their military service obligations;

WHEREAS, more than 1,900 City employees in the reserves have benefited from the present EMBP-DP or its predecessor program during deployments frequently lasting a year or more;

WHEREAS, the law of the State of New York requires that New York City provide programs for public servant soldiers consistent with the City's EMBP-DP but only until August 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 5-a of section 242 of the Military Law provide the Mayor with discretion to extend beyond August 1, 2010 the salary and differential pay benefits provided to public servant soldiers pursuant to such paragraphs; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that our men and women in the armed forces and their families continue to receive such benefits;

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

Section 1. Pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 5-a of section 242 of the Military Law, the rights and privileges granted therein to a public officer or employee with respect to the payment of city salary and differential pay are hereby extended beyond August 1, 2010, and shall continue unless otherwise specified by Executive Order.

§ 2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg Mayor