

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: The Matter of
SONYA LYNN GOSSARD,
Petitioner,
and
MARY COLLEEN BURNS,
Respondent.

FAMILY DIVISION
CASE NO. 502015DR001070NB FI

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS

THIS MATTER having come before this Court for hearing on September 9, 2015 upon Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and the Court having heard argument of counsel, having fully reviewed the file and legal research and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that

1. The United States Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S.Ct. 2584 (2015) recognized same sex marriages.
2. Throughout the state of Florida same sex marriages are being dissolved.
3. The civil union of Petitioner, Sonya Lynn Gossard and Respondent, Mary Colleen Burns is the substantial equivalent of a marriage.
4. The motion to dismiss is hereby denied and this Court therefore takes jurisdiction over this dissolution proceeding.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County,
Florida this ____ day of September, 2015.

HON. KRISTA MARX JUDGE KRISTA MARX
Circuit Court Judge

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