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THE IMPORTANCE OF UPHOLDING THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY INSTITUTION AS THE FOUNDATION OF THE SOCIETY

1 In response to the announcement made during the 2022 National Day Rally, Pergas reiterates the importance of preserving and strengthening the family policies and values in Singapore, including safeguarding the definition and institution of marriage and upholding a stable society with traditional heterosexual family values. Pergas strongly supports the action to amend Singapore's constitution to protect the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman. We urge the amendment to take place soonest possible.

2 The Islamic view and position prohibiting same sex marriage and intercourse are clear and must not be deviated. However, as Singaporean Muslims, we are still responsible for ensuring the peace of our country by expressing our views respectfully.

3 Our moral beliefs and values should also not be dependent on the state law. Instead we should increase our effort to understand the complex issue better, uphold Islamic morals and strengthen family values within our family and community. This also means we should further enhance our Islamic education in discussing sexuality, marriage and family.

4 Pergas is committed to our effort in nurturing and producing a generation of God-conscious individuals, families and communities that will develop a responsive approach that integrates knowledge, virtues and right actions in managing complex issues of the present and future challenges and the ever-changing values and definitions.

5 Pergas sincerely hopes that members of the society, especially the Muslim community, should never isolate, exclude or insult those who feel they belong to the LGBTQ community and urge Muslims to approach and interact with them with kindness and compassion (*rahmah*) and to support them to uphold the true teachings and beauty of Islam. Allah s.w.t. mentions in surah al-Anbiya' verse 107:

﴿١٠٧﴾ وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

Meaning: We have sent you O Prophet only as a mercy for the whole world

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