

The Islamic Community of Rhode Island declares and affirms the standards set forth in the Torah, Gospel and Holy Qur'an on the issue of same sex relationships and marriage. We are deeply concerned and conscience stricken with the intended passage of law to legalize "same sex marriage."

We also "respect and care for individuals with homosexual orientation," as expressed by the Bishop of Providence, The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin and We pray for them to Almighty Allah.

Further and lastly we believe that marriage is between a male and a female and the sanctity of marriage should not be violated. We call upon our General Assembly to reject the notion that "same sex marriages" are lawful within our State. We consider the passage of such a bill detrimental to the morals and well being of the citizens of Rhode Island.

It is written in the Qu'ran:

“O people! Be careful of (your duty to) your Lord, Who created you from a single being, Created, of like nature, its mate, and from them spread, many men and women - and be careful of (your duty to) Allah, by Whom you demand one of another (your rights), and (to) reverence the wombs (that bore you); surely Allah ever watches over you.”

“O you mankind! Surely We have created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female, and made you tribes and families that you may know (each other). Surely the most honorable of you in the sight of Allah is the one among you most careful (of his duty); surely Allah has full knowledge and is well - acquainted (with all things).”

"Surely it was We who revealed the Torah (to Moses): in which was guidance and light; By its standards have been judged the Jewish people, with it the Prophets who submitted themselves, by the Rabbis and the Doctors of Law, because they were required to guard (part) of the Book of Allah, and they were witnesses thereof; therefore fear not the people but fear Me, and do not take a small price for My communications; and whoever did not judge by what Allah revealed, those are they that are the unbelievers."

"And We sent after them in their footsteps Isa (Jesus), son of Mary, verifying what was before him of the Torah and We gave him the Injeel (Gospel) in which was guidance and light, and verifying what was before it of Torah and a guidance and an admonition for those who guard (against evil)."

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