## Equality is what this flag raising is about:

It is a sad time, when the cities and towns feel the need to display flags supporting a sexual orientation, but alas that is where we are. We are demanding that our cities/towns do not show favoritism towards one group of people, as it is their duty to remain neutral and fair.

We are not asking for a festival or parade but just a visual, the Heterosexual Flag/Nuclear Family Flag, to be flown on the same public space for the same amount of time that the city flew the pride flag. We can use it as a reminder to pray and be thankful for our spouses, relationships, marriages and use this as a visual reminder to have prayer time in our Churches, Synagogues, and other Places of Worship or meditation for the safety of the nuclear family. In the spirit of inclusivity, the City of Fitchburg and mayor Stephen DiNitale has honored our request to fly the Heterosexual Flag/Nuclear Family Flag in Riverfront Park, in Fitchburg Massachusetts. The Mayor has stayed true to his oath of office by impartially representing the community in displaying this flag for an equal amount of time as the gay pride flag on public property.

Fitchburg has set a local precedent in inclusivity, impartially representing and respecting all beliefs. We need true equal representation in all public spaces throughout the country. We must advocate for cities like Fitchburg to support heterosexual families, educating our children to be proud of their family, and that our community strives for inclusiveness of the disappearing heterosexual nuclear family. In encouraging traditional family values, we pray for a decrease in our nation's divorce rates and a healing of those struggling in marriage.

While the flag is up, (only for one week) we are asking places of worship to bring it up to your congregation. Use it as a time to pray for equal representation in cities and towns nationwide. Pray for the nuclear families to be able to hold their heads high in these troubling times and to remain steadfast.

We chose the Heterosexual Flag/Nuclear Family Flag to incorporate all religions who want to support the nuclear family as well as non-religious families who want to help uplift and support the nuclear families during these times when the traditional nuclear family is under attack.

We want to make it clear that we do not agree with any sexual flags being displayed on public spaces, but since the cities and towns feel the need to do so, we anticipate continued equal representation and support from the city of Fitchburg. The flag will continue to fly through Christmas and the following week. We can take this as another visual reminder to honor and be thankful for the gift of the ultimate nuclear family.