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HRC Support of the Governors Actions on the Domestic Partnership Bill

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures particularly when addressing human rights infractions. The aim of the Domestic Partnership Bill (“the Bill”) is to satisfy a legal requirement while simultaneously upholding the traditional institution of marriage in the Cayman Islands and ensuring respect of human dignity through non-discrimination and equality. As a result of the Legislative Assembly’s failure to pass the Bill, the Cayman Islands continues to be in breach of our obligations to ensure a proper legal framework is in place.

We know that His Excellency the Governor made his decision with due care and concern for the entire jurisdiction. His decision provides for the upholding of our own Bill of Rights under the Constitution as well as the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). The Human Rights Commission supports His Excellency in his stance for the furtherance of the Bill to be enacted as Law.

The next few weeks are crucial as an additional consultation period will begin on 10 August 2020 to ensure that a sound decision is made for the finalization of the Bill. It is paramount, as society, that all review the Bill and provide comments in line with the consultation period to ensure that no one in our country is left marginalised.

The Commission reiterates that during this time that we are all duty bound to treat each other with courtesy, dignity and respect and to reject intolerance and discrimination.

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