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Press Release: Muslims For Progressive Values Applauds President Obama's Support Of Marriage Equality

Los Angeles, CA – May 9, 2012: MPV, a progressive grassroots organization, applauds President Obama's courageous statement of support of the LGBTQ community.

MPV recognizes that the current position of President Obama on marriage equality is inevitable. From ending DOMA to doing away with Don't Ask Don't Tell we at MPV were confident that the President's strong faith convictions of being "our brothers' keepers" is being lived out. It is clear that President Obama's driving concern is for human rights for all and has come to the decision that men and women who desire to marry do have the right to enter marriage with a partner of the same sex. He is a courageous man and a leader with fortitude.

Muslims for Progressive Values recognizes the worth of every human being as endowed by our creator. Seeking to enact justice through word and deed, MPV has worked to create inclusive spaces where LGBT Muslims could embrace both their faith and their sexual orientation. MPV has supported intellectual and spiritual approaches to the intersection of Islam and homosexuality.

"We teach our kids to live up to the Golden Rule but in our daily lives as adults we often fail miserably", says MPV President Ani Zonneveld. "This is an epic example of living out that Golden Rule and, as Muslims, we should remember that Islam is a faith rooted in justice and from justice sprouts equality. We know that marriage equality is about justice for all so we must support it on both legal and religious fronts".

The Quran teaches us marriage is between two consenting adults. It is time the law of the land allows LGBTs their God-given right to marry.

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To arrange for an interview of Ani Zonneveld please contact her at 323-842-2869 (PST) or ani@mpvusa.org

Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV) is a 501 (c) (3) founded in 2007. MPV asserts that Islam is inherently progressive, inclusive and egalitarian which is an understanding that informs the ten principles by which the organization is guided. In the short years since its inception, MPV has expanded to include chapters in Los Angeles, Washington DC, Atlanta and Philadelphia as well as in Ottawa and Toronto, Canada. More information can be found at www.mpvusa.org.