

## **JUSTIFICATION OF AGANC'S DECLARATION ON THE DEFENSE OF MORAL VALUES AND HOMELAND INSIGNIAS**

It all began when the flag of the LGBTI movement was placed on the Central Building of the Public Ministry in Guatemala City, next to the National Flag, in the last week of June of 2017.

This unleashed a series of citizen reactions, through the mass media and social networks, in legitimate defense of civic and moral values as well as against the permissiveness of that group that was practically imposing itself on the Law, the patriotic symbols, and morality.

The **GUATEMALAN ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN LAWYERS AND NOTARIES - AGANC**, like other Christian entities, such as the Evangelical Alliance of Guatemala, in the exercise of social, ethical-moral and professional responsibility decided to raise its voice against the aforementioned action taken by public officials of the Public Ministry or Attorney General's Office and the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, so that gathered on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, in a session led by the Holy Spirit, the following text was drafted.



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Ratifies fully its belief that in congruence with the Biblical postulate, the human being was created by God, male and female, and that marriage is also a social and legal institution between a man and a woman given that among its aims is that of procreation.

Likewise, Guatemalan legislation, both constitutional and civil, recognize that a person is born a man or a woman and that he or she has the right to a name, and an identity that allows him or her to develop in society.

As citizens we know that our country emblems identify us as a nation and are full of symbolism, that the Flag of Guatemala is unique and never yields its seat of honor to other flags; so we reject that State institutions such as the Public Ministry and Public Health and Social Welfare place next to the flag of Guatemala another flag that represents a group with a specific interest, not recognized by the Law, that affronts the Ten Commandments and moral values. Therefore, it demands the President of the Republic to exercise his mandate in the interest of national unity, and to the three branches of government to ensure the rule of law, providing protection to the individual and the family. We are all Guatemalans and we have one beautiful flag.

Legal Basis: Articles 1, 2, and 47 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Guatemala. Articles 1, 4, 78, 79, 81 of the Civil Code. Executive Decree of August 17, 1871. Governmental Agreement of September 12, 1968. Decree 104-97 of the Congress of the Republic. Articles 415 numeral 3, 416, 418 of the Penal Code.

Guatemala City, July 5, 2017.