



## MEDIA RELEASE

### WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON WINNIPEG WILL MARCH THROUGH PORTAGE AND MAIN ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST

For Immediate Release:

WINNIPEG, September 17, 2017 – On January 21st, 2017 hundreds of thousands of women in Washington will take to the streets to be part of the HYPERLINK "<https://www.womensmarch.com/>" Women's March on Washington. Simultaneously, 25 sister marches are being held in Canada and 386 marches planned worldwide – with more being added every day. Canadians will gather to stand in solidarity with all those who have been marginalized within Canada and abroad. This grassroots coalition will be one of the largest international demonstrations ever assembled. The march will rally against the divisive words, attitudes, and actions sparked by the events of last year. This event was sparked by Trump's election to the White house, and we will march to show that anger, fear, sexism and racism he used throughout his campaign will not be tolerated.

The solidarity march in Winnipeg reflects its wide diversity, welcoming anyone who wants to take a stand and support the rights of ALL women. This march is committed to inclusion, and will serve as a platform for women from our most marginalized communities to speak and be heard. People from all genders, races, abilities, religious communities, political affiliations and sexual orientations are encouraged to attend and show support. Over 30+ organizations have signed on as Supporting Organizations in this march. The listing continues to grow and can be found on our website at [www.womensmarchwpg.com](http://www.womensmarchwpg.com)

The march will start at 11am, on Saturday, January 21st at Centre Court, Portage Place. The march takes place in Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. Elder Mae Louise Campbell will speak and provide a blessing. The drum group, the Buffalo Gals based out of North End Women's Resource Centre, will also be performing. Confirmed speakers also include Alexa Potasniuk (emcee), Amal Shire, Johise Namwira, Cynthia Fortlage, and Joan Dawkins. Bio's can be found on our website. The march route will travel down to iconic Portage and pass the US Consulate in the TD building at 201 Portage Avenue before heading back to Portage Place.

The march recognizes that many diverse voices contribute to a common goal – that ALL women's rights are human rights. March organizers are encouraging everyone to use the hashtag #WhyIMarch to share their lived experiences and what they are marching for.

The organizing partners for the Women's March on Washington - Winnipeg include Black Space Winnipeg, CUPE Local 2348, IRCOM – Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Winnipeg, WGSSA – Women's and Gender Studies Student Association (U of M), UMSU – University of Manitoba Students' Union, Winnipeg Labour Council, and Women's Health Clinic. This event has been featured in all major national and international publications. The publication list for the Canadian march can be found at [canadianwomenmarch.ca/local-marches](http://canadianwomenmarch.ca/local-marches).

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