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THOUSANDS TO MARCH FOR ERA

On Sunday, July 9, 1978, delegations from over 145 organizations (list attached) will march on the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., to demonstrate their support for the Equal Rights Amendment and the ERA extension. The National ERA March is receiving enthusiastic support from all over the country with organizations responding to the call to attend by organizing buses, trains, caravans and charter planes to bring ERA supporters to this historic event.

"The March will be a massive demonstration of the widespread grassroots support for the ERA at the site where the final decision on the extension proposal will be made -- the U.S. Capitol," said NOW President Eleanor Smeal.

"We envision a spectacular event that will stir the emotions of those who value human dignity and justice for all. We propose a reenactment of the suffrage marches which will link us with our history and provide a unique format for the modern-day struggle for Constitutional rights for women."

The processional style March, patterned after early Suffrage marches, will feature delegations dressed in white marching in unison behind a delegation banner (replicas of the early suffrage banners). Marchers, bands, trolleys carrying suffragists, modern dance troops and horses will assemble on the western end of the Mall (14th and Madison) at 11:00 am and the march will stretch east on Constitution Avenue.

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Along the route, marchers dressed in original suffrage dresses will display the Equal Rights Amendment on the steps of the National Archives, where the U.S. Constitution is housed. A color-guard will toll the Liberty Bell to proclaim the freedom of all people and symbolize the glaring omission of women in the Constitution. The National Archives is also the point at which the 1913 Suffragist March led by the late Alice Paul, author of the Equal Rights Amendment, was halted due to disruptions.

The marchers will converge on the Capitol, where an ERA program will begin. Among those participating in the program will be Congressman Don Edwards, Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman, Congresswomen Margaret Heckler, Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski, President of the National Organization for Women Eleanor Smeal, President of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women Carmen Votaw, and Special Assistant to the President Midge Costanza.

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PARTIAL DELEGATION LIST



1. Action for Children's TV
2. The Newspaper Guild
3. Amalgamated Clothing & Textile Workers
4. Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workers of North America
5. American Association of University Women
6. American Association of University Women - Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee
7. American Association of University Women - Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington
8. American Association of University Women - Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, California
9. American Association of University Women - Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas
10. American Association of University Women - Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming
11. American Association of University Women - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont
12. American Association of University Women - Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania
13. American Association of University Women - Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia
14. American Association of University Women - Illinois
15. American Association of University Women - Illinois, Indiana Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin
16. American Association of University Women - Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
17. American Association of University Women - Kentucky
18. American Baptist Churches
19. American Bar Association, Individual Rights Subcommittee
20. American Civil Liberties Union
21. American Education Research Association: Women's Groups
22. American Federation of Government Employees
23. American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees
24. American Federation of Teachers
25. Americans for Democratic Action
26. American Friends Service Committee
27. American Home Economics Association
28. American Jewish Congress
29. Antioch School of Law
30. Arlington (VA) Democratic Committee
31. Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women
32. Association of State Democratic Chairs
33. Baltimore Task Force on the Status of Women in the Church
34. Black Women for ERA
35. B'Nai B'rith Women International
36. Brotherhood of Railway & Airline Clerks Lodge 1906 (D.C.)
37. Bryn Mawr College for ERA
38. Catholics Act for ERA
39. Catholic Women's Seminary Fund, Inc.
40. Center for Women Policy Studies
41. Church of the Brethren, Washington Office
42. Church Women United
43. Coalition of Labor Union Women
44. Committee for the ERA (Chicago, IL)
45. Communication Workers of America
46. Connecticut Federation Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc

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47. Connecticut, University of
48. Connecticut Women's Political Caucus
49. Davies Memorial Unitarian Church
50. D.C. Area Feminist Alliance
51. Democratic National Committee
52. Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee
53. District of Columbia Commission on the Status of Women
54. Doctors for the ERA
55. ERAmerica
56. Fathers Unlimited
57. Federally Employed Women
58. Federally Employed Women, Southwest D.C. Chapter
59. Federation of Organizations for Professional Women
60. Feminists of Faith
61. Florida Women's Political Caucus
62. George Washington University, Women's Studies & Continuing Education
63. The Gray Panthers
64. Hospital Workers Union, Philadelphia, District 1199C
65. Housewives for ERA
66. Humanist Association, National Capital Area
67. International Union of Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers
68. Lutheran Church in America
69. Men Allied Nationally for ERA
70. Maryland Elected Women
71. The Matriarchists
72. Mexican American Women's National Association - MANA
73. Mormons for ERA
74. Ms. Magazine
75. National Abortion Rights Action League
76. National Association for Girls & Women in Sport
77. National Association for Women Deans, Administrators & Counselors
78. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
79. National Association of Cuban American Women
80. National Association of Women Business Owners
81. National Association of Women Lawyers
82. National Coalition of American Nuns
83. National Commission on Working Women
84. National Committee on Household Employment
85. National Conference of Puerto Rican Women
86. National Council of Churches
87. National Council of Jewish Women
88. National Council of Negro Women
89. National Council on Women, Work & Welfare
90. National Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs
91. National Feminists Therapists Association
92. National Gay Task Force
93. National Lesbian Feminist Organization
94. National Lawyers Guild, National Committee on Women's Oppression
95. National Organization for Women
96. National Student Lobby & National Student Association
97. National Woman's Party
98. National Women's Health Network
99. National Women's Political Caucus
100. National Women's Studies Association
101. New American Movement
102. New York Counties Registered Nurses Association

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103. Organization of Pan-Asian Pacific Women
104. Organization of Women for Legal Awareness
105. Pennsylvania Social Services Union
106. Penn Women's Center
107. Philadelphia Florence Avenue Community for the ERA
108. Philadelphia Women's Political Caucus
109. Planned Parenthood Federation
110. Population Institute
111. Priests for Equality
112. Princeton University Students
113. Quaker Women
114. Quest
115. Quixote Center
116. Religious Committee for ERA
117. Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights
118. Retail Clerks Union, Local 400 (Clinton, MD)
119. Rosasharon
120. Rural American Women, Inc.
121. Scientists for the ERA
122. Socialist Labor Party
123. Socialist Workers Party
124. Teamsters Local #115 (Philadelphia)
125. United Church of Christ
126. Unitarian Universalist Association
127. United Methodist Church
128. United Steelworkers of America
129. Virginians for the Equal Rights Amendment
130. Washington County, PA., Coalition for the ERA
131. Washington Professional Women's Cooperative
132. Wisconsin for the ERA
133. Women in Theater
134. Women's Equity Action League
135. Women's Health Concerns Committee
136. Women's Interarts Center
137. Women's Ordination Conference
138. Women's Political Caucus - Philadelphia
139. Young Socialist Alliance
140. Young Women's Christian Association
141. YWCA of Philadelphia
142. YWCA, Germantown, PA
143. YWCA, Patterson, NJ
144. Youth Project
145. Zero Population Growth

Above as of 6/22/78

**NATIONAL
ERA
MARCH**
FOR EXTENSION AND RATIFICATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**SUNDAY
JULY 9
1978**

- **ASSEMBLE 11am AT THE 14th STREET END
OF THE MALL, WASHINGTON**
- **MARCH EAST ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE
TO THE U.S. CAPITOL**
- **RALLY AT THE CAPITOL FOLLOWING MARCH**
PARTICIPANTS WILL DRESS IN WHITE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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