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**SEPTEMBER
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MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN

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On September 30, 2017, Black women in all their diversity will march at the center of the March for Racial Justice in our very own MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN in Washington, D.C. to denounce the propagation of state-violence and the widespread incarceration of Black women and girls, rape and all sexualized violence, the murders and brutalization of transwomen and the disappearances of our girls from our streets, our schools and our homes.

In this highly political moment of the 20th anniversary of the Million Woman March, the March for Black Women will amplify the struggles of Black women in the rural South—the "Black Belt", and demand a cease and desist of all threats to those of us who are immigrant women across the country living in fear of deportation.

Recent actions by our federal government and leaders to dismantle our civil and human rights by plotting to undermine access to health care, and in particular reproductive health; the increase of prisons while threatening to eliminate resources to communities of color that empower all of us to prevent violence against cis and trans identified women; and the undermining of economic justice demonstrates not only a disregard for the lives of all Black women in America, but perpetuates what James Baldwin prophetically proclaimed—that "the American Dream is at the expense of [Black people]". The physical, financial and social enrichment of the nation-state at the expense of Black bodies and at the expense of Black lives is too old a strategy, and Black women will not allow for it. It is us, and in particular trans Black women and our girls, and our elders and those of us on a low income, who bear the brunt of a multitude of racialized and sexualized abuses which are not challenged with outrage by the masses, do not make the screens of our social media pages nor our televisions.

CONTINUE

If you cannot join the march support Black women at www.mamablack.org/march-for-black-women

Please join us and partners in the March for Black Women, in mass mobilization for our security and safety, our human rights and our freedoms, calling on the federal government and our own Black communities to take the following actions:

1. Issue an apology to all Black women for centuries of abuses, including sexual violence and reproductive violations against Black bodies, especially the brutalization of transwomen.
2. Beyond the 2016 Gender Bias Policing Guidance, ensure immediate and sustainable measures by the U.S. Government to eliminate incarcerations, incidences of rape and "sexual misconduct", police murder and violence against all Black women, and especially transwomen.
3. End the threat against the human right to healthcare and increase access, including all reproductive health care, bar none.
4. Ensure economic justice for Black low income women at the communal and federal level, many of whom are at increased risk for violence due to lack of economic power.
5. Cease and desist all threats of deportation of immigrant women across the country, especially those whose deportation may cost them their lives or safety.

Access march routes reclaiming Black spaces in Washington DC, and converging on the National Mall, visit: <http://www.mamablack.org/about-the-march-for-black-women>

"The imperative is clear:
Either we will make history
or remain the victims of it."

Michele Wallace

Black Macho and the Myth of the Superwoman

#M4BW Truth Blast

12 Black trans women are murdered in the first six months of 2017 = #NOJUSTICE

60 women report rape by Cosby including 22 Black women. Cosby admits he drugged and "had sex" with them but there's a hung jury = #NOJUSTICE

June 2017, Pregnant Charleena Lyles was shot and killed by Seattle police = #NOJUSTICE

May 2017, 27-year-old Jonie Block was killed by police = #NOJUSTICE

April 2017, Glenda Taylor was stabbed and strangled by a probation officer, the officer was also her fiance = #NOJUSTICE

April 2017, Karen Smith is shot and killed by her husband and hundreds more such cases go unnoticed = #NOJUSTICE

March 2017, 38-year-old Sherida Davis was shot and killed by police, the officer was also her husband = #NOJUSTICE

March 2017, 21-year-old pregnant Alteria Woods was shot and killed by police = #NOJUSTICE

In March 2017, 10 of our children went missing in less than 2 weeks in the I-495 corridor that stretches between Baltimore and D.C, most of them Black girls = #NOJUSTICE

February 2017, 30-year-old Morgan Rankins was shot and killed by police = #NOJUSTICE

As of 2014, 64,000 Black women were MISSING in the United States = #NOJUSTICE

Thousands of Black girls under 18 are pimped out by men from our own communities = #NOJUSTICE

40% of young people trafficked in the U.S. are Black, most of them girls = #NOJUSTICE

Black women are 13% of U.S. women, but make up about half of domestic violence homicide victims = #NOJUSTICE

Black women are beaten by their partners at a 35% higher rate than white women = #NOJUSTICE

In California, 81% of girls in the juvenile justice system suffered sexual abuse before being arrested = #NOJUSTICE

40% of girls in the juvenile justice system have been raped or sodomized in their lifetime = #NOJUSTICE

The media doesn't seem to care = #NOJUSTICE

Black women don't seem to matter = #NOJUSTICE

EVENT DETAILS

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THE MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN WILL OCCUR ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, GATHERING AT 8:00 AM WITH A PROGRAM STARTING AT 10:00 AM, AT SEWARD SQUARE, AT THE INTERSECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE AND NORTH CAROLINA AVENUE IN THE CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD, SOUTHEAST

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AT 10:00 AM EST, AT SEWARD SQUARE, A PROGRAM FEATURING ARTISTS, ADVOCATES, ENTREPRENEURS, THOUGHT LEADERS, AND OTHERS WILL BEGIN AND CONTINUE THROUGH 11:30 AM EST.

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MARCHING ON NORTH CAROLINA AVENUE S.E. TO CONVERGE WITH THE MARCH FOR RACIAL JUSTICE AT LINCOLN PARK, M4BW WILL PROCEED WITH M4RJ TO THE DOJ AND FINALLY THE NATIONAL MALL. SISTER MARCHES WILL OCCUR AROUND THE COUNTRY. EMAIL

BLACKWOMEN@BLUEPRINTNY.ORG

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FOR MORE MARCH ROUTE DETAILS
CLICK ON MAP <http://bit.ly/2vNOFRS>

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS WILL BEGIN ON NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2017 AND RUN THROUGH 10:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 IN D.C. A FULL PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.
STAY UPDATED.

WWW.MARCHFORBLACKWOMEN.ORG



TOWN HALLS SISTER MARCHES & SEPT 30, 2017 DC PROGRAM

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SISTER MARCHES ARE SCHEDULED IN PHOENIX, AZ, MILWAUKEE, WI, OAKLAND, CA, MIAMI, FL, PORTLAND, OR, ST. LOUIS, MO, CLEVELAND, OH, CHICAGO, IL, PHILADELPHIA, PA, AND SEVERAL OTHER CITIES. FOR LIST OF SISTER MARCHES AND CONTACT INFORMATION, CLICK [HERE](#).

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TOWN HALLS ON HOW BLACK WOMEN ARE IMPACTED BY SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FORCES AND HOW THEY ARE BUILDING POWER, HAVE HAPPENED IN ALABAMA, ATLANTA, MISSISSIPPI, NEW YORK AND ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE TO OCCUR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. TO HOST A TOWN HALLS EMAIL ERICKA@BLUEPRINTNY.ORG

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HEALING SPACES IN WASHINGTON D.C. ON SEPTEMBER 30, AND ONLINE PRE AND POST-MARCH, ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT AND RESOURCE SHARING. FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL ERICKA@BLUEPRINTNY.ORG

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INFORMATION REGARDING A NATIONAL CALL, WEBINARS, KEY LOCATIONS AND THE SCHEDULED PROGRAM FEATURING ARTISTS, ENTERTAINERS, ADVOCATES, ENTREPRENEURS, THOUGHT LEADERS, AND OTHERS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.

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THE NATIONAL CO-CHAIRS



Farah Tanis is a women's human rights activist, co-founder, Executive Director of Black Women's Blueprint working nationally and at the grassroots to address the spectrum of sexual violence against women and girls in Black communities, and working with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the nation on issues of gender, race, sexuality, anti-violence policy and practice. She launched and Chaired the first Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the U.S. ever to focus on Black women and their historical and contemporary experiences with sexual assault. Tanis founded the Museum of Women's Resistance (MoWRre), an international Site of Conscience. She serves on the US Human Rights Network's Task Force U.N. Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), and the Convention to Eliminate Torture (CAT) and is a NoVo Foundation, Move to End Violence Cohort 3 Movement Maker.



Bré Anne Campbell Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Trans Sistas of Color Project in Detroit, making her the head of the first organization led by transwoman of color. Her organization provides support for transwomen including a program with facilitates their name changes and reintroducing them to society via a debutante ball. She is a board member of Positive Women Network -USA, a 2015 Victory Fund Empowerment Fellow, a National Advisory Board member of Positively Trans and a member of the 2016 Brown Boi LGBT Executive Director Training. She is featured in the "Greater Than AIDS EMPOWERED: Trans Women & HIV campaign."



Charlene A. Carruthers is a Black, lesbian/queer feminist community organizer and writer with over 10 years of experience in racial justice, feminist and youth leadership development movement work. She currently serves as the national director of the Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100). Her passion for developing young leaders to build capacity within marginalized communities has led her to work on immigrant rights, economic justice and civil rights campaigns nationwide. Her work has been covered several publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, Chicago Reader, The Nation, Ebony and Essence Magazines. She has appeared on CNN, Democracy Now!, BBC and MSNBC. Charlene has also written for theRoot.com, Colorlines and the Boston Review. She was recently recognized as one of the top 10 most influential African Americans in The Root 100, and is the 2017 recipient of the YWCA's Dr. Dorothy I. Height Award. Her inspirations include a range of Black women, including Ella Baker, Cathy Cohen, Marsha P. Johnson and Barbara Ransby.



Monica Raye Simpson is a Black, Southern, Queer, Artist and she serves as the Executive Director of SisterSong the national Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. A native of rural North Carolina, Monica has organized extensively against against human rights violations, reproductive oppression, the prison industrial complex, racism and intolerance and she is deeply invested in southern movement building and the fight for Black liberation. She is also committed to birth justice as a certified Doula through the International Center for Traditional Childbirth and a founding steering committee member of the Black Mamas Matter Alliance. Monica's work and writing for the Reproductive Justice movement has been featured through various media outlets such as Ebony, Essence, The Crisis Magazine and Rewire. Monica was named as a New Civil Rights Leader by Essence Magazine and chosen as one of Advocate Magazine's 40 under 40 leaders. serves as proud board member for Advocates for Youth and she is the current vice chair of the board at the legendary Highlander Research and Education Center. She released her first live album entitled Revolutionary Love where she blends her gospel roots and her passion for social justice with deep soul to creating the sound known as Revolutionary Soul.

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BLM, DC
Black Youth Project, DC Chapter
BLM, Denver, Colorado
Womanist Working Collective
In Bold Rebirth
Resonance
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Alliance
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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#M4BW FAQ

Q: When/where is the March for Black Women?

A: #M4BW convenes on Saturday, September 30, in Washington DC. Stay tuned for detailed march route.

Q: Are there structured for organizing an M4BW March outside of DC in my own state?

A: Several other local marches are being organized in various cities across the U.S.. Individual organizers can access a toolkit and guide for organizing a march by clicking here.

Q: Who can attend?

A: Everyone! However we ask the you tell us you'll be joining us by going to this EventBrite Link <http://bit.ly/2tXOEmE>

Q: How do I register?

A: You can register by visiting this link: <http://bit.ly/2tXOEmE>

Q: I'm not able to any march, how else may I participate?

A: You can participate by giving a gift, funding Black women to the help us shoulder the cost of the March here: <http://bit.ly/2uHdOqf>

A: You can spread the word and invite friends and family to the March at <https://www.facebook.com/events/665201540335608/>

A: You can participate in one of our National Virtual Townhalls or a Live Townhall - Check Our Calendar <http://www.mamablack.org/bwb-calendar>

A: You can keep us in your prayers and ask that community shows up for Black women

You can also participate by following Black Women's Blueprint (@blackwomensbp) on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat and retweeting/reposting/engaging with the steady stream of information that is shared on our social media daily!

Q: What services will be offered before and onsite at the March?

A: We are offering webinars, townhall meetings, healing gatherings, counseling to the public as well as a host of workshops and trainings through our Institute for Gender & Cultural Competency. Check Our Calendar. <http://www.mamablack.org/bwb-calendar>

Q: How can I stay involved beyond the March?

A: Become a Member to stay connected to our on-going activities. Email BlackWomen@Blueprintny.org to learn how to get involved in Black Women's Blueprint, Trans Sistās of Color Project or BYP100

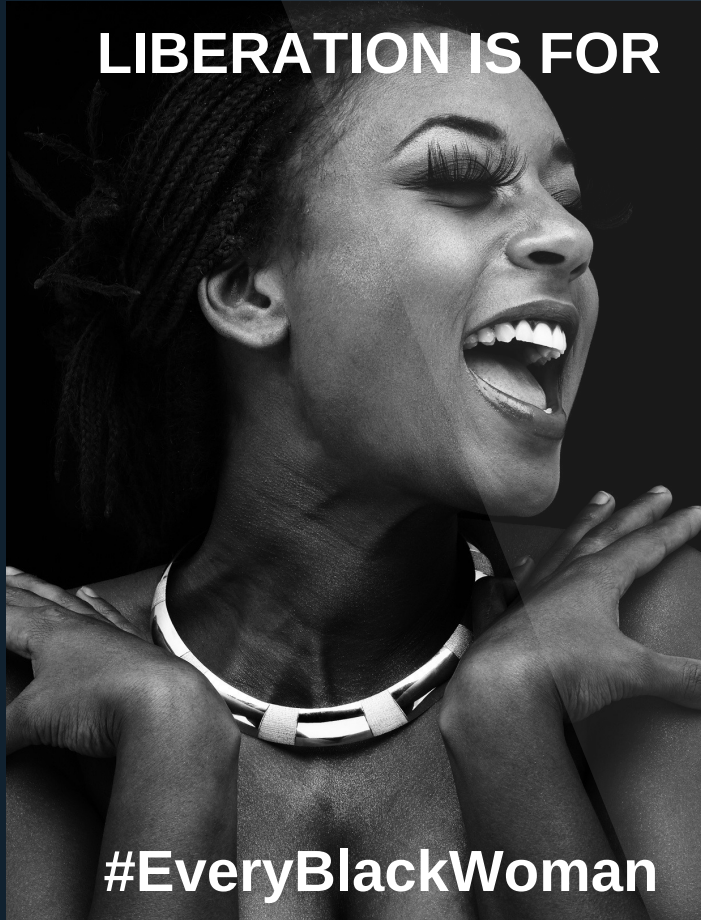
Q: Who do I contact for media inquiries?

A: You can email us at tameka@blueprintny.org or call our office: (347) 533- 9102/9103

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LIBERATION IS FOR



#EveryBlackWoman

WHAT'S YOUR JUSTICE AGENDA?

use hashtags:

#M4BW

#EveryBlackWoman

and tell us here;

www.mamablack.org/about-m4bw

1. what justice could/should look like for Black women and girls
2. what are the needs of Black women and Black girls in your neighborhood

#M4BW ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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#M4BW Sample Tweets

Primary Hashtags: #EveryBlackWoman, #M4BW, #MarchforBlackWomen

On 9/30, I'm marching for #EveryBlackWoman. Every.Single.One. #M4BW

See Us. Listen to Us. Show Up for Us. Love Us. #EveryBlackWoman #M4BW www.marchforblackwomen.org

On 9/30, I'm marching for the freedom, safety and #humanrights of #EveryBlackWoman
www.MarchForBlackWomen.org

Show up for #EveryBlackWoman. Join the March for Black Women on 9/30.
www.MarchForBlackWomen.org

Show up on 9/30 to say Black trans women are being murdered in this country and no one is talking about it. www.MarchForBlackWomen.org

Speak out against misogyny and patriarchy that infects the lives of #EveryBlackWoman. On 9/30, join the March for Black Women.

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Want to support the March for Black Women? Donate here: <http://bit.ly/2uHdOqf>

Planning to come to the March for Black Women on 9/30? Don't forget to add your name to the list of attendees. <http://bit.ly/2tXOEmE> #M4BW #RollCall

We denounce the propagation of state-violence and the widespread incarceration of #EveryBlackWomen

The #M4BW seeks to end all rape and sexual violence against #EveryBlackWoman

The #M4BW demands that community and state locate our missing girls and hold accountable harmdoers

#EveryBlackWoman deserves her full and equal rights protected #NOJUSTICE #M4BW

We call on women of the Global South to stand with us as we stand with them #EveryBlackWoman

We focus on the ending disparities against Black women b/c we have historically been trodden underfoot. Silenced systemically. #M4BW

Join us in mass mobilization for our security and safety, our human rights and our freedoms #M4BW

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Live Townhall Questions

Primary Hashtags: #EveryBlackWoman, #M4BW, #MarchforBlackWomen

(Q1) What needs to happen in order to stop the perpetual violence against Black women?

(Q2) What does this nation owe to Black women? #M4BW

(Q3) What forms of reparations are necessary for the centuries of violence Black women have faced in America? #M4BW

(Q4) What should Black women be marching in the name of? #M4BW

(Q5) How do you see the impact of the criminal justice system playing out against Black women and girls? #M4BW

(Q6) What obstacles do Black women face in the aftermath of violence? #M4BW

(Q7) What outcomes-based projects can be used to increase the civic engagement, base-building and voter empowerment of Black women? #M4BW

(Q8) How can we center Education on the political process, leadership development, and preparation of young Black women interested in running for public office? #M4BW

(Q9) How can we address the engagement of women in policy discussions to ensure significant impact of women voters in the political process? #M4BW

(Q10) What's next for Black women? #M4BW



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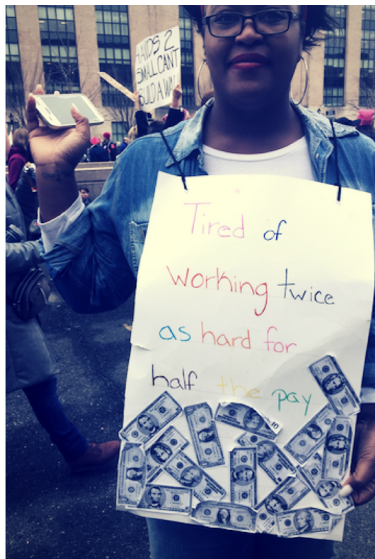


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