

Press Release #3 - Women's March on New Jersey 2018
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Thousands Converge in Morristown for the Women's March on NJ This Saturday

Morristown, N.J. - This Saturday thousands of women and allies will unite in Morristown for the Women's March on New Jersey 2018. Participants at this peaceful and non-partisan march will gather together to celebrate the achievements of New Jersey women over the past year and to mobilize women across New Jersey to bring their power to the polls this November.

The event commences at the steps of Town Hall at 11:00 a.m. with a welcome address by Elizabeth Meyer, founder of the Women's March on NJ in Trenton last year and this year's co-organizer, as well as Morristown Mayor **Timothy Dougherty**.

"Morristown is honored to serve as the site of New Jersey's 2018 Women's March, in solidarity with marches taking place all across America," said Dougherty. "Here in Morristown, diversity, tolerance and inclusion are principles we govern and live by, and we welcome all women, all New Jerseyans, to do the same on Saturday".

Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver will kick off the march. Participants will then travel a 1/2 mile to the historic Morristown Green, where they'll hear a diversified program of speakers, including **First Lady Tammy Murphy**, who will be introduced by her husband, **Governor Phil Murphy**, **Liz Abzug**, daughter of feminist movement leader Bella Abzug, and **Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman**.

Since the Women's March last year, women across the state have been more politically engaged than ever.

Uyen Khuong, Executive Director of Action Together New Jersey, one of 11 organizations co-hosting the event, said, "Last year after the Presidential election, we saw a groundswell of women join our group and after the first Women's March, we added another 3000 members. Our members wanted to be the change instead of sitting on the sidelines and we have won Board of Ed, town council, and county freeholder races. In our group, 95% of our leadership team are women. We empower them, we support them, and we train them to be leaders."

Organizers are anticipating at least 4,000 marchers, each with his/her own personal reason for participating.

"We are marching because, in the words of Erica Garner, 'If black lives mattered in America, those who routinely brutalize us wouldn't be the ones paid, with our tax dollars, to keep us safe,' said **T'Anna Kimbrough, President of Black Lives Matter Morristown**. "Black Lives Matter Morristown serves our community as an educational resource to open minds to the incessant injustice faced by our men, women, and children, despite our meaningful and often overlooked contributions to society in this country that we all dearly love."

"At Planned Parenthood we believe that access to health care should not depend on your income or your zip code," said **Christine Sadovy, Legislative and Political Director of Planned Parenthood Action**

Fund of New Jersey. “For the past year, Planned Parenthood supporters have taken action to protect and expand access to lifesaving reproductive care. We will keep taking action in 2018 and beyond!”

The Women’s March on New Jersey is hosted by Action Together New Jersey, Black Lives Matter Morristown, BlueWaveNJ, Communications Workers of America - District One, League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area, Mobilizing Montclair, New Jersey Citizen Action, New Jersey Working Families Alliance, NJ 11th for Change, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey, and Wind of the Spirit.

For a complete list of partners and march details, please visit the March’s [official website](#) or the [event's Facebook page](#). (**note: embedded links*)