



4TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN STATEMENT

On September 26, 2020, Black Women's Blueprint will host the 4TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR BLACK WOMEN. We will unite Black women in all their diversity in a convergence accessible to every corner of the world. Join us virtually as we unapologetically center Black cis, trans and GNC voices as requisite to racial justice.

Recent actions by our federal government and leaders that left Black and Brown people to die disproportionately of COVID-19, as well as actions to dismantle our civil and human rights by plotting to eliminate access to health care, in particular reproductive health are why we march virtually this year—**to protect Black health**. The police murders and 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]”. We march because 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 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, do not make the screens of our social media pages nor our televisions.

In this moment of realization once again that “*we are all we've got,*” we call on all Black Lives Matter, Movement for Black Lives, and Black communities at large to march especially for the lives and rights of Black transwomen, for the gender non-conforming and for our Black girls in all the 50 states. By their very being, it is within Black transwomen and Black girls that the revolutionary potential of our entire Black community resides. Whether in police interactions, on the streets or in their own homes, theirs are the Black lives who continue to underscore the poignancy of this moment, and a future where all Black women and Black communities are liberated from persistent, axes of oppression, domination and discrimination.

This year the 4th Annual March for Black Women is a call to gather and mobilize in the name of Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland, Korryn Gaines, and more recently 19-year-old Oluwatoyin Salau who would have been 20 years old this year had she

not been snatched from a BLM protest, raped and murdered. This march is for Tony McDade, Jayne Thompson, Atatiana Jefferson, Renisha McBride, and countless other Black women who have been slain in our streets. We amplify our voices alongside others in the name of truth and freedom. Until the devastating manifestations of white supremacy, patriarchy, misogyny and trans misogyny are no longer the standard, we cannot rest.

Until the setting loose of officers who kill with impunity is stopped, there can only be a resounding cry for justice out of each of our mouths. Having built the physical foundation of this nation with our own bodies, with these same Black bodies, we demand justice.

Moreover, in this highly political moment where our VOTE will count more than ever, we **demand meaningful presidential debate on the BREATHE Act which divests our taxpayer dollars from brutal and discriminatory policing and invests in a new vision of public safety. We demand a better VAWA which protects survivors rights and we demand ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) more than a hundred years after it was introduced.** 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.

On September 26, 2020, Black cis and trans women will remove the gags from our mouths, protest in collective action and lift the knee of imperialist white supremacist patriarchy off our necks. We call on every Black woman from every U.S. city, every walk of life, every demographic to rise together within our differences and face our common oppressors—the systems, and too often the very communities claiming civil and human rights for some, while invisibilizing, rejecting and relegating the rest of us to political backseats.

Join us in mutual resistance of relentless, systematic extortion of lives. *Silenced no more*, the March for Black Women demands a particular brand of racial justice: a racial justice requiring we reject age-old divide and conquer tactics and center Black transwomen in all Black community struggles, bar-none. We want a brand of racial justice deployed, centering the trauma and complexity of all Black women and girls lived experiences of atrocity not just today, but across generations.

If you can't march with us, click [here](#) for other ways to support Black women at #M4BW.

If you can't march with us, then ride with us. If you can't ride with us, then shout from your front yards, your kitchen tables and from your street corners. Shout from the pews of your churches and LGBTQ centers, from your HBCUs and healing circles, from the halls and stairwells of the public housing complex where they put you, and from your conference tables and board rooms. Our disabled Black sisters, our grandmothers and great-grandmothers, we ask you to rise with us in your hearts and in your bones.

Rise with us with all that is within you, in a March for Black Lives that means justice for all genders. March for Black Women.