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'SISTER MARCHES' GO VIRAL ACROSS THE GLOBE

Interest surges in local solidarity events inspired by Women's March on Washington

BOSTON, Jan. 17, 2017 -- The Women's March on Washington has inspired a global wave of activism, with more than 616 'sister marches' planned to occur on the same date as the one in the nation's capital Jan. 21. There is at least one sister march planned in all 50 American states, several U.S. territories and in 57 countries on six continents. Based on online RSVPs estimates, participation for the sister marches could surpass 1 million.

"This grassroots movement has gone viral in an unprecedented way that no one could have anticipated. It's inspiring to see how women and their allies around the world are standing up for the universal American values of freedom and justice for all," said Sister March spokeswoman Yordanos Eyoel. "We're also excited to convert this enthusiasm into an action network for change after the march."

Local march sign-ups everywhere have surged in the past week as more participants decide they want to be a part of history and others launch new events closer to home or in the most remote corners of the planet -- from Guam to New Zealand. While big cities such as Los Angeles, Boston and Seattle, New York and Chicago are among those expecting the largest turnouts in the U.S. with tens of thousands expected, there are 16 marches planned across Alaska, 14 in Texas, six in Indiana, and four in South Carolina.

In Europe, marches in London, Paris and Brussels could draw more than 10,000 each, and there will also be sister marches in countries as diverse as Iraq, Tanzania, South Korea, Ecuador and India.

"The momentum is building around the world," said Bob Bland, a co-founder and co-chair of Women's March on Washington. "Our vision of a transformative, women-led grassroots movement to stand up for justice and equity is coming true -- it's an incredible moment in history."

For a complete list of the marches, or to find the march nearest you, visit the Women's March on Washington's [sister march directory](#).

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