

March on Springfield For Marriage Equality

Media Advisory



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Who: Leaders from labor, immigration, faith, women's health, business, sports and LGBT equality movements will join thousands of LGBT families, leaders and allies at equal marriage rally.

What: The "March on Springfield" is part of a broad grassroots strategy to secure final passage of Senate Bill 10, the "Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act," already approved by the Illinois Senate. Once adopted, Illinois will become the 14th state plus the District of Columbia, to treat all of its citizens equally under state marriage laws and to provide equal access to federal marriage benefits.

When: **Tuesday, October 22, 2013**, the scheduled first day of the fall veto session of the Illinois state legislature.

- Rock The March concert: Noon to 1 pm
- Rally 1 to 2:30 pm
- March around Capitol 2:30 to 3:30 pm

Where: Illinois State Capitol – 401 S. 2nd Street (2nd & Capitol Streets), in Springfield, IL

Why: Speakers representative of the broad equal marriage coalition in Illinois plus thousands of citizens from towns all across the state will come together to deliver a common message to Illinois legislators: A majority of Illinoisans support the freedom to marry and the time for marriage equality in Illinois is now.

Resources: On site resources for credentialed media include:

- Access to a riser for television cameras & photographers
- Electricity & Internet
- A tent for quiet interviews
- List of speakers, families, politicians and activists who will be available for interviews.
- Digital assets provided via flash media (USB)
- On-site professional media support
- Social media hashtags being used: #il4m, #ilcantwait
- Photos, logos and press releases at www.marchonspringfield.org/media.php

Credentials: Identification will be requested to ensure only media have access to the media riser and tent. Credentials will be available at the media tent starting at 10:30 am, located behind the stage at 2nd Street & Capitol. No RSVP is required.

Interviews: Contact **Aaron Brost** to arrange an interview with a "March on Springfield" spokesperson or any of the event's speakers and performers, including:

- Jim Bennett, Midwest Regional Director, Lambda Legal
- Michael Carrigan, President of the Illinois AFL-CIO
- Rudy Lozano, Uniting America Director, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Bonnie Grabenhofer, National Action Vice President, National Organization for Women (NOW)
- Toni Weaver, President, Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Northern Illinois Region)
- Bishop Carlton Pearson, Director, New Dimensions Chicago Church
- Scott Cross, Springfield Chapter Lead, President Barack Obama's "Organizing for Action"
- Brigid Leahy, Director, Planned Parenthood of Illinois
- Steve Grand - "All American Boy" singer, song-writer
- DeBorah - singer, song-writer and star of "The Voice"

For more information, visit <http://www.marchonspringfield.org/> or find the March at [Facebook.com/MarchOnSpringfieldForMarriageEquality](https://www.facebook.com/MarchOnSpringfieldForMarriageEquality) or on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/IllinoisMarches) @IllinoisMarches – #IL4M

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