

NEWS RELEASE – September 16, 2013

Contacts: Tracy Baim, tracy@windycitymediagroup.com, (773) 387-2394
Kevin Boyer, kevinboyer63@gmail.com, (847) 436-3424



Take the Bus to the October 22 March on Springfield for Marriage Equality

CHICAGO – Marriage equality supporters in Chicago now have another low-cost way to get to the Tuesday, October 22 March on Springfield. March organizers and their partners announced today the first of several privately organized buses available for people who want to travel to Springfield for the marriage equality rally. Details are on the March website at www.marchonspringfield.org, click “Travel.”

Dozens of buses are being organized by churches, organizations, corporations and activists to help get people to Springfield from all over Illinois. Roundtrip travel on six (6) of those buses originating in Chicago can now be booked online at <http://www.marchonspringfield.org/transport.php>. These 6 buses will pick up people in Andersonville, Chatham, Lakeview, Pilsen and Rogers Park the morning of October 22 and return them that evening. Roundtrip travel is available for about \$30, with discounts for low-income individuals. Pickup addresses and times are on the website.

More buses for the public will be announced in coming weeks from Chicago, its suburbs, and other statewide locations, including some free travel for LGBTQ youth. Travel is also being coordinated by almost 50 “March Captains” throughout the State of Illinois.

“Love is love, and we call on all supporters of marriage equality to gather in Springfield on October 22,” said Kevin Boyer, March co-chair. “We are grateful to the organizations and individuals who are coordinating travel all over the state, especially Windy City Limousine and Chicago Charter Express who have discounted their bus rentals to make the roundtrip affordable.”

The March on Springfield “Travel” page also includes links to Amtrak and commercial bus information, plus maps and bus rental information. Activities in Springfield can be done as a daytrip from anywhere in Illinois, but the Springfield Hilton is offering discounted hotel rooms for those who want to arrive early or stay an extra day. Full details are at www.marchonspringfield.org.

About the March

The March on Springfield for Marriage Equality will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013, the scheduled first day of the fall veto session of the Illinois state legislature. 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 all married people in Illinois will be treated equally under federal law. For more information, visit <http://www.MarchOnSpringfield.org>, or find the March at Facebook.com/MarchOnSpringfield or on [Twitter @IllinoisMarches](https://twitter.com/IllinoisMarches).