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Governor Patrick Quinn and Senator Dick Durbin To Open the Rally at the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality

Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon and Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka to also join thousands calling for marriage equality in Illinois

CHICAGO – Organizers of the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality announced today that Governor Pat Quinn (D) and Senator Dick Durbin (D) will open the rally on October 22 with a welcome to the thousands of Illinoisans traveling there to call for passage of marriage equality in Illinois.

Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon (D) and Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka (R) confirmed they will also join the rally to show their support for marriage equality.

The March on Springfield for Marriage Equality will get underway at Noon on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, with a free one-hour concert. The 90-minute rally will begin with welcoming remarks by Gov. Quinn and Sen. Durbin at 1 pm. A march around the Capitol will begin at 2:30 pm. Up to 5,000 people are expected to attend from all over Illinois.

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/MarchOnSpringfieldForMarriageEquality](https://www.facebook.com/MarchOnSpringfieldForMarriageEquality) or on [Twitter @IllinoisMarches](https://twitter.com/IllinoisMarches).

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Note for Media:

On site resources in Springfield 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
- Credentialing at media tent, 2nd Street & Capitol, starting at 10:30 am
- Full information is or will be available at <http://www.marchonspringfield.org/media.php>.