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Speaking Program for the Women's March on New Jersey 2018 Announced

Morristown, N.J. - The speaking program for the Women's March on New Jersey 2018, slated for Saturday, January 20th, in Morristown, has been announced.

Participants at this peaceful and non-partisan march will meet at Morristown Town Hall at 11:00 a.m. and then march a half mile to the Morristown Green for a program of diverse speakers. Among the topics addressed will be voting rights, healthcare, gun control, immigration, the environment, and education. Women and allies are gathering together to celebrate the achievements of New Jersey women over the past year and to mobilize women across New Jersey to bring their power to the polls this November.

"The anniversary of the Women's March is a reminder of the power and promise of women's leadership, advocacy and organization," said **Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman**, a featured speaker at the event. "On January 20th, across the nation, our colleagues, family members, friends and allies will stand in solidarity and in defense of women's rights, equity, health and protection. I'm elated to join this celebration here in New Jersey, once again, as we commemorate a transformative movement in this nation's history and what I'm sure will be a Year of Women."

The first portion of the program includes a welcome address at Town Hall by **Elizabeth Meyer**, founder of the Women's March in Trenton and co-organizer this year, and **Morristown Mayor Timothy Dougherty**. **Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver** will kick off the march.

Speaker **Dr. Khyati Joshi**, a Fairleigh Dickinson University professor specializing in immigrant communities and race in America, adds, "As an Indian American Hindu woman, I march for a diverse, welcoming America where every member of my interfaith, multi-racial, immigrant family — and everyone else, wherever they came from and however they got here — has equal rights and opportunities."

Participants will also hear remarks from **Governor Phil Murphy**, **First Lady Tammy Murphy**, **Lizette Delgado-Polanco**, Political Director of the NRCC, **Liz Abzug**, daughter of feminist leader Bella Abzug, **Essma Bengabsi**a, political activist, and a tribute to **Edith Savage-Jennings**, New Jersey civil rights icon.

The Women's March on New Jersey is hosted by Action Together New Jersey, Black Lives Matter Morristown, BlueWaveNJ, Communications Workers of America - District One, League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area, Mobilizing Montclair, New Jersey Citizen Action, New Jersey Working Families Alliance, NJ 11th for Change, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey, and Wind of the Spirit.

For a complete list of partners and march details, please visit the March's <u>official website</u> or the <u>event's</u> Facebook page. (*note: embedded links)