

THE WOMEN'S WAVE IS COMING

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On January 19, 2019, millions of women worldwide participated in the Third Annual Women's March. The theme of this year's march was "**The Women's Wave Is Coming.**" This historical rally of sisterhood began the day after the inauguration of President Donald Trump in 2017. Tensions rose due to statements made by Donald Trump, considered by many as anti-women or otherwise offensive. It was the largest single-day protest in U.S. history. The goal of the annual marches is to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights and other issues, including women's rights and immigration.

The mission of Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change. Women's March is a women-led movement providing intersectional education on a diverse range of issues and creating entry points for new grassroots activists and organizers to engage in their local communities through trainings, outreach programs, and events. Women's March is committed to dismantling systems of oppression through nonviolent resistance and building inclusive structures guided by self-determination, dignity, and respect.

As the 2018 mid-term elections proved, there is power in the voice of women. After the new senators and representatives were sworn in, Congress became more diverse in terms of race and religion—with women making a major contribution to this shift. These miraculous events are a source of



encouragement to our sisters in the National Postal Mail Handlers Union and the U.S. Postal Service. We too must ensure that our voices are heard. Even as we speak, Donald Trump and other political leaders are attempting to change the benefits that we have worked for as postal employees. They are trying to diminish our health care benefits and attack the Union that has successfully fought for our rights. If it's left to them, our wages would be decreased and so would our retirement and social security benefits.

Be aware of what is happening around you. The decisions that are made for us today by the Trump Administration will have long lasting effects on all of us. It is imperative that we become active in ensuring our unions and the Postal Service do not become extinct. **THE WOMEN'S WAVE HAS ARRIVED!**



In 1997, the National Postal Mail Handlers Union adopted JDRF as its official national charity, and we have been a proud sponsor of the JDRF Capitol Chapter's "Walk to Cure Diabetes" for each of the last 21 years. We will be walking in this important fundraiser with our co-workers, friends, and family members on the National Mall, Sunday, June 2, 2019. Please visit the NPMHU's JDRF One Walk Team page linked at www.npmhu.org, and consider making a donation today.