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Women's March 2019 The #WomensWave

To: Presidents and All Members

From: Lori Foote, Associate General Secretary – Professional Services

For Information

“Two years ago, on the first full day of Donald Trump’s presidency, women, men and gender non-conforming people, young and old, of diverse faiths, differently abled, immigrants and indigenous – came together, 5 million strong, on all seven continents of the world”¹ to march on Washington to protest the loss of women’s rights and freedoms proposed by President Trump. The premise for this march and all of the other ‘sister marches’ occurring around the world was a belief in a world that is equitable, tolerant, just and safe for all.

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, to coincide with the Women’s March on Washington 2019, OSSTF/FEESO members will march again in Toronto – as well as in many other communities across the province, including Hamilton and Ottawa. OSSTF/FEESO is encouraging all members to attend their local marches and celebrate the sisterhood in ‘The #WomensWave’ together. This year, events are planned to mark this anniversary, to show solidarity for women, to push for the advancement of women’s rights and human rights in Ontario and globally and to stand against the Ford government’s attacks on workers, public services, women and girls and our communities.

Two networks, which grew out of the incredible grassroots efforts of previous year’s marches, are planning marches: Women’s March Canada, and March on Canada. Search for your community march on Facebook or [here](#) at Women’s March Canada.

The OFL will add locations as they are announced. Join a Women’s March in your community: www.ofl.ca/womens-march-events-across-ontario. If you know of a Women’s March event that is not listed, please let us know.

For information on Women’s March Canada or other ‘Sister Marches’ occurring across Ontario, contact Tracey Marshall, via email at tracey.marshall@osstf.ca

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¹ <https://www.womensmarch.com/>

