

The National Latina Health Organization, the National Black Women's Health Project, the Women's Cancer Resource Center, the disability rights organization ADAPT, Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD), pro-choice, and other health organizations are fighting for basic health rights, control of our bodies, and access and empowerment for disabled people. Work includes campaigns for safe and effective birth control (and against potentially dangerous drugs like Depo-Provera and Norplant), for full access to abortion, for an end to the breast cancer and HIV epidemics, and for access to independent living and disability rights.

We're here to celebrate and to join with these women and women around the world who resist, fight back, and organize. We resist not only the individual acts of violence against us: we resist patriarchy—the systematic oppression of women that makes those acts possible.

We're here also to stand for our truths, our spirituality, our sexuality—the positive spirit that gives vitality to the feminist movements that we celebrate and that informs our fight to change conditions for women all over the world.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH AND RALLY 1994

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# CONDITIONS CRITICAL

WHY DO WE HAVE  
TO FIGHT FOR  
WHAT IS OUR  
NATURAL RIGHT?

*[from a Lillian Allen song]*

## International Women's Day 1994

## Celebrating Women's Resistance

**Conditions for women are critical and women are fighting back.** We're continuing to speak out and claim our right to live without violence—whether physical, sexual, racial, economic, or spiritual. We're resisting the lies that make violence against women acceptable.

**We're here today to say that feminism is not going away.** The ongoing backlash will not stop us. We are being told lies—lies about a "false memory syndrome," invented by incest perpetrators in an attempt to quash the growing movement of survivors; lies about "rape hype," designed to put date rape back in the closet; "anti-political correctness" lies attacking women's studies programs, intended to silence the political analysis of women's conditions.

**We're here today to honor the millions of women who are fighting back,** who are saying "No More!" to physical and psychological abuse and degradation, who are valuing their own lives and refusing to submit to further violence. Women are fighting back everywhere; sometimes it makes the front page—like Latina immigrant Lorena Bobbitt's act of self-defense—but violence against women is so common that most of the time our resistance goes unrecognized.

**When we come together as feminists** we support these individual acts of resistance and build movements to challenge oppression of all kinds. When we come together as lesbians we acknowledge the importance of being visible in societies that condemn and fear us.

**We are here to celebrate women who are organizing** against their oppression. Women all over the world—including Haiti, Mexico, and Palestine—are fighting conditions that result from U.S. militarism and corporate greed. The few women and groups we mention here represent the spirit of all women resisting:

*Korean and Filipina* so-called "comfort women." During World War II, over 200,000 Asian women were kidnapped and forced to provide sexual services to Japanese military personnel. Now, after fifty years of silence, these women are coming forward to tell their stories and demand restitution.

*Women from the former Yugoslavia* are resisting the organized rape of women and children and demanding that rape in war be recognized as an international war crime.

*Women are organizing internationally.* Women are demanding

that violence against women on all levels be recognized as a violation of women's basic human rights. From Thailand to India to Eastern Europe, women are calling for an end to the trafficking and sexual enslavement of hundreds of thousands of women and children.

*Immigrant women* are fighting the escalation of hate crimes and hysteria promoted by elected officials who are blaming immigrants for all social problems. Legislation threatens the exclusion of immigrants from health and human resources, including pre-natal health care and public schools.

*The women of Camp Sister Spirit and their supporters across the country* have created a lesbian feminist anti-racist educational center and are battling against vicious attacks by right-wing christians and the KKK.

*Women in California prisons* for killing batterers in self defense have mounted a massive campaign for clemency.

*Women prisoners at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla* are organizing to support women who are dying from lack of treatment for AIDS and other health conditions. They demand quality health care and AIDS education inside the prison.

*Women political prisoners in the US* have resisted racism, sexism, and oppression and have paid with their freedom. The government tries to make an example of these activists from the Black, Puerto Rican, Native American and anti-imperialist movements by locking them away under disproportionately long sentences. Grassroots organizations are dedicating themselves to fighting for their rights and their liberation.

*Poor single mothers in a Fairfield housing complex* successfully fought sexual harassment and eviction threats from their apartment manager. They have formed the organization Women Refusing to Accept Tenant Harassment (WRATH) to help women across the country who are facing similar conditions.

*Indigenous women* all over the world are fighting to protect their cultures, their land, and their people; they have organized campaigns to save their sacred lands from becoming toxic waste dumps.

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# International Women's Day DANCE

to celebrate  
women's  
resistance  
to violence

**March 12**

All women welcome

**8:00 pm – midnight**

(after the IWD Women's March  
that starts at 4pm at Duboce Park)

**The Women's Building**

3543 18th St., SF  
(near 16th St Bart)

**admission: \$6-10,**

but please come no matter what  
you can give.

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available with 3 days notice.

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