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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Miami Beach to Host March For Our Lives Miami Event**

— Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to noon —

**Miami Beach, FL** –The City of Miami Beach is proud to host the Miami-Dade County iteration of the national youth led movement advocating for gun control and mental health counseling. With leadership from Marjory Stoneman Douglas alumni and in partnership with Miami Beach High School students, the city will host a March For Our lives rally on Saturday, March 24.

"The March for Our Lives is a movement to fight for our students' rights to live in a world where they don't have to go to school worried that they will not make it home that night. Our students, teachers, and community members should not live in fear of weapons and threats on their lives, and the March for Our Lives hopes to act on that hope," said Maya Lubarsky, youth leader of March For Our Lives Miami. "On March 24, 2018 in Miami, we will be marching in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Washington D.C. to show that our voices are going to be heard. We will be marching for policy change, awareness, and to demonstrate that this will never happen again! As an alum of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, I hope that no other members will ever feel the pain I felt for my community. On March 24th I march for the lives lost in my high school, in my home, and I march for the future generations that should be given the right to learn and live without fear!"

Turning their frustration into action, the Miami Beach Youth Commission, comprised of seven students representing the city's schools, passed a resolution at their February meeting urging the City Commission to host an event that demands a comprehensive and effective bill be immediately brought before Congress to address pressing gun issues.

Hannah Gelber, Chairperson of the Miami Beach Youth Commission, explained, "We're not just kids. In August I will also be a voter and I hope thousands of young people will join me on Election Day to make sure our voices are heard."

Today, the City Commission further supported this movement by unanimously passing a resolution challenging federal and state elected officials to restrict the availability and use of military-grade and high capacity magazine assault weapons to law enforcement agencies.

Led by the Miami Beach Senior High School marching band, the rally on March 24 will begin at Miami Beach Senior High School and travel to Collins Park and back. The schedule for the morning is as follows:

- 8 AM to 10 AM: Arrival at Miami Beach Senior High School
- 10 AM: March promptly begins to Collins Park
- 10:45 AM to Noon: Speaking program takes place at Collins Park. Speakers include current and former Marjory Stoneman Douglas students, as well as local and national celebrities and community leaders.
- Noon: Return to Miami Beach Senior High School

Empowering women for over 100 years to be a fighting force in defending democracy and civil liberties, the Women's League of Voters will be on-site throughout the event to facilitate voter registration and voter pre-registration (for 16 and 17 year olds).

Supporters of the movement are also encouraged to donate on the official Go Fund Me page [here](#) or searching March For Our Lives Miami on [www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com).

For further information or details on the event, and to sign up to volunteer, please visit [www.marchforourlivesmiami.com](http://www.marchforourlivesmiami.com).

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