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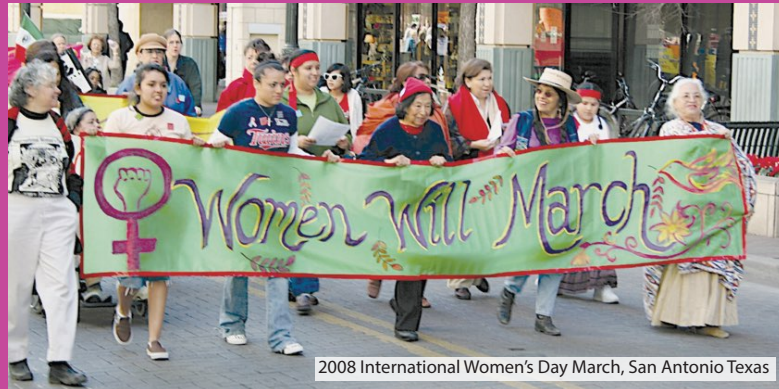
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2008 International Women's Day March, San Antonio Texas



In San Antonio, International Women's Day was first celebrated in 1985,

when a group of women planned the first march and rally. It was not celebrated again until 1992 when the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center took on the responsibility of organizing the march and rally for IWD Day and begin programming for Women's History month. Now the IWD March is in its 34th year and everyone celebrates Women's History Month internationally, nationally and locally. The focal point for the celebration of International Women's Day and Women's History Month is no longer one organization or one institution of higher education. Now, there are a multitude of sites that offer events, programs and pláticas locally and globally. The status of women still lags behind in many aspects even though one can point to some gains like a woman of color being vice-president of the U.S. and women's sports, in some areas, having equal pay and better publicity in the media. But, these are superficial gains, at best, in these politically charged and misogynistic times that more than ever threaten the health of women in so many ways.

This year the National Women's History Month's theme celebrates "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion." Ironically, efforts to implement equity, diversity and inclusion in institutions of learning and in business enterprises are under attack. Equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and in institutions are powerful driving forces that are having a wide-ranging impact on our country—so, no wonder these ideals are under massive attack. Women in communities across the nation are helping to develop innovative programs and projects within corporations, the military, federal agencies and educational organizations to address injustice. But there is pushback and women need to speak out and activate in order to stem the tide of repression that is creeping back into our society. It takes courage for women to advocate for practical goals like equity, diversity and inclusion when established forces aim to misinterpret, exploit or discredit them. This year, get out and support the International Women's Day March on Sunday March 10, 2024. Check the back page of this issue of *La Voz* for details.

For events celebrating Women's History Month locally check these sites among others:

- [bit.ly/alamo-iwd](http://bit.ly/alamo-iwd)
- [bit.ly/library-iwd](http://bit.ly/library-iwd)
- [bit.ly/utsa-iwd](http://bit.ly/utsa-iwd)

— Gloria A. Ramírez, editor

**AQUI ESTAMOS Y NO NOS VAMOS**  
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON IMMIGRANT RIGHTS  
The Worker Struggle has No Borders - Full Rights to ALL Immigrants!

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**2:00pm**

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