



National Organization for Women—Madison Chapter
P.O. Box 2512 Madison, WI 53701 (608) 255-3911

David - Please return
letter for file

March 23, 1989

MAR 27 REC'D

Dear David,

As May 6th draws closer, I wanted to give you an update on how the rally for the Lesbian & Gay March is progressing. We've come up with a good schedule, not at all dependent on Jesse Jackson, so that if he decides to show up with very little notice, he'll be the icing on the cake, we'll add him on at the end, & the rally will go a little longer than planned.

Here's the schedule:

2 minute introduction by a man & a woman from Galvanize

2:30-2:45 p.m.
Note time change

you speak on Gay rights history in Wisconsin, AIDS, & what we should be working on in the future (domestic partner legislation)

2:45-3:00pm Karen Thompson from Minnesota will speak on the history of her case with Sharon Kowalski & the importance of grass-roots organizing for Gay & Lesbian rights

3-3:10pm Tammy Baldwin will speak on Gay & Lesbian visibility & the importance of coming out of the closet

3:10-3:20 Sherry Maples, a rousing Madison police officer, will conclude with a pep talk & get everyone ready to march

3:20-3:30 Gay Marching Band will play a number & get the march going

(on my calendar to remind you)

→ We need all speakers to provide the interpreter for the hearing-impaired with a script of their speech by April 10th. You can send the script directly to her:

Teanna Babcock

1714 Northfield Place

Madison, 53704

phone # 249-6831

If this is a problem or you have any questions, you can call me @ 246-0049 or Chip Jose (home) 255-7599

(work) 256-6400

In a week or two, I'll call your office to check on any messages / concerns.

We really appreciate your time & co-operation.

Thanks so much, David.

Sincerely,

Abbie Hill

2120 E. Main

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P.S. Happy Easter!

Linda (312) 855-3773

2/8/89

Request Received ?

Yes - Received "Several" of
their letters.

Under review + Jesse
Still hasn't decided.

Won't make decision
until close to speaking
date (his policy). They
will be notified by
phone, but not for
several weeks, yet.

Call Mary or Richard
(at WSA, Pharm)

w/ info

2/8

(5)

2/9 Talked w/ Richard. They may ask us
to call Jackson people again in March for decision

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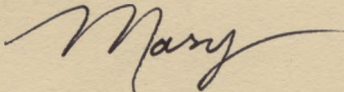
February 6, 1989

Representative David Clarenbach
422 North State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Mr. Clarenbach:

Thanks very much for agreeing to help us in our efforts to bring the Rev. Jesse Jackson to speak at the May 6, 1989, Lesbian and Gay Pride March we are planning. Enclosed are copies of the letters we sent to the National Rainbow Coalition Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Richard Kilmer (255-9131) or me (257-5472).

Sincerely,



Mary K. Klobucar
Outreach Committee Chairperson

Enclosures

GALVANize
Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance
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January 28, 1989

Rev. Jesse Jackson
National Rainbow Coalition
30 West Washington Street, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Rev. Jackson:

We would like to invite you to speak at the Lesbian and Gay Pride March in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 6, 1989. The Pride March will be a gathering of lesbians, gays, bisexuals and supporters from Wisconsin, the midwest and across the country. Its purpose is threefold. It will affirm the strength and diversity of our communities. It will empower individuals personally and politically. And it will highlight the connections among all civil rights issues. We expect several thousand participants and excellent media coverage.

The Madison Rainbow Coalition endorses this request. Their letter of support is forthcoming.

Your presence is enthusiastically desired and welcome. We can offer you a choice of three speaking opportunities: [1] the opening ceremony of a display of part of the Names Project Quilt at dusk on Friday, May 5, at the UW-Madison Field House, [2] the pre-march rally on Saturday, May 6, at 2:30 p.m. at the State Capitol grounds, or [3] the post-march picnic at 4:30 p.m. at James Madison Park.

We will call your office next week to find out if you are available and interested. Thank you for considering this request. Enclosed is a copy of our statement of purpose. If you would like, feel free to contact me at (608) 255-8061.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Klobucar
Outreach Committee Chairperson

cc: Frank Watkins
Annette Decaussin
Bernard Demczuk

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Ms. Annette Decaussin
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30 West Washington Street, Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60602

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Mr. Bernard Demczuk
AFGE Headquarters
80 F Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

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*I've tried
reaching by phone,
as let me accept
in writing the invite
to speak.
re: alt fam: yes I'm eager
to answer. It's unclear what
approach to best take, so
let's sit down & talk.*

JAN 19 RECD

2120 East Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53704
January 18, 1989

Dear Representative Clarenbach,

GALVANIZE, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance, is organizing a huge march to be held in Madison on May 6, 1989. This gathering of gays, lesbians, and supporters will reflect the strength of our community, act as a tool for ongoing personal and political empowerment and highlight the interconnections of all civil rights issues. We would like you to be a speaker at the pre-march rally. We are also asking Karen Thompson from Minnesota or some other nationally recognized person and Tammy Baldwin from the Dane County Board has already accepted. You would be speaking at approximately 3pm for about 10 minutes. Signers for the hearing-impaired have asked to see a copy of the speech a few weeks beforehand. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be available and thanks for all your good work.

Sincerely,
Abbie Hill

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Galvanize Events Committee
Lesbian Rights Task Force Chair
Madison N.O.W.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the ongoing struggle for full civil rights for all individuals is a paramount concern of each and every Wisconsin citizen; and,

Whereas, the promise of liberty and justice is an essential part of the American dream; and,

Whereas, Wisconsin is still the only state to extend statutory anti-discrimination protections in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual orientation; now,

Therefore, I, David Clarenbach by the powers vested in me as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Wisconsin State Assembly, hereby endorse the statement of purpose and efforts of the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance and urge community members to actively support the Lesbian and Gay Rights Pride March and Rally on May 6, 1989.

David E. Clarenbach
Speaker Pro Tempore
Wisconsin State Assembly

Date

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Wisconsin State Assembly

Date

The State of Wisconsin



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, AIDS is a world-wide epidemic with more than 85,000 reported cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has experienced close to 300 deaths from AIDS to-date; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 9,000 to 12,000 state residents have already been infected with the AIDS virus; and

WHEREAS, not only AIDS victims, but families and friends are deeply affected; and

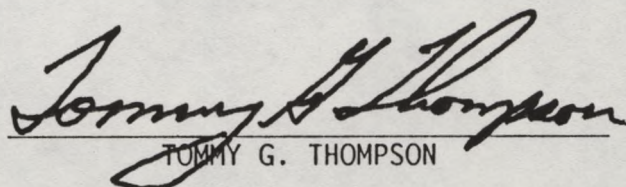
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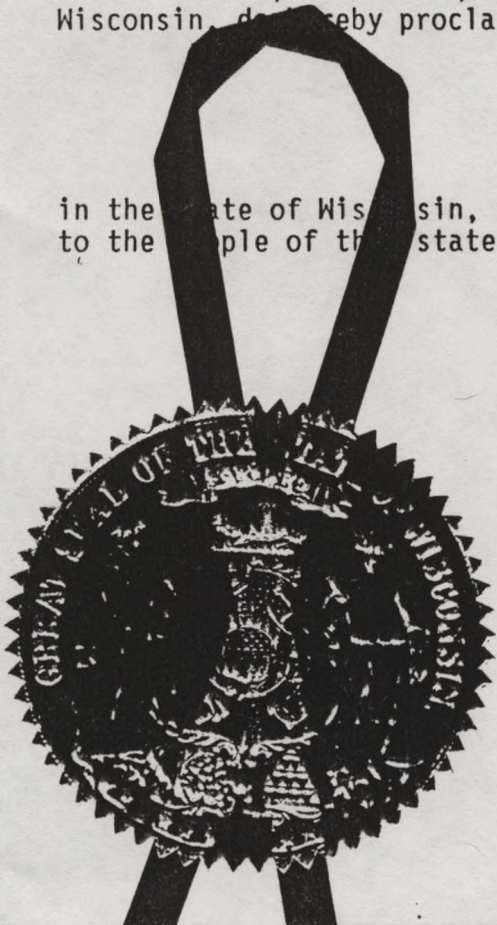
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 5, 1989

AIDS AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend appropriate observance of this day to the people of this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this second day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine.


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Therefore, I, David E. Clarenbach, by the powers vested in me as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Wisconsin State Assembly, hereby proclaim May 5, 1989 A Day of Remembrance for people we have lost to AIDS.

David E. Clarenbach
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Wisconsin State Assembly

Date

We gather here today to celebrate difference, to celebrate accomplishments, to celebrate human rights.

We gather as well to plot our future: to move ahead, to set agendas, to accept challenges, to take risks, to win battles -- and yes, to lose some as well.

As I look out across the broad political landscape of Wisconsin, I can point with pride to our historic standing in the forefront of the gay and lesbian civil rights movement.

We have legalized and legitimized gay and lesbian relationships, we have defended the principles of sexual privacy and we are still the only state to extend full civil rights guarantees based on sexual orientation by flatly prohibiting by law discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

In this decade, Wisconsin has enacted special criminal penalties against gay-bashing and other violence motivated by bigotry. We have enacted laws to stop discrimination based on AIDS status, we've totally banned involuntary AIDS testing, and we've limited the use of AIDS anti-body tests for insurance purposes.

And that, my friends, is just a beginning.

Yet we must ask: Why here, why in Wisconsin have we made this kind of singular progress?

Our experience nationally has been discouraging: the eight years of Reagan and now four more years of Bush administration policies; a Supreme Court with an increasingly right wing view on individual rights (whether it's the Hardwick decision on sodomy or perhaps reversal of Roe vs. Wade on abortion); the almost criminally inadequate funding for AIDS research and education, and medical care for people with AIDS; or the painfully slow progress in Congress on federal civil rights legislation.

How did we do it? We created a political and religious and community base of support to make gay and lesbian rights a mainstream issue.

In Wisconsin, we found elected officials willing to take political risks to advance the cause of lesbian and gay civil rights. With even some Republican support, we made gay rights a bi-partisan issue and thereby created a secure political environment for officeholders to act.

In Wisconsin, we isolated the moral majority as the lunatic fringe that they are. In the mainstream religious community, we defined the terms of debate: we did not ask the religious leaders to resolve whether homosexuality was good or bad, we asked if bigotry and discrimination could be tolerated against any minority group in our society? And to that question, the answer is a resounding "NO"!

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And in Wisconsin, we had the most important part of the equation. We had you: men and women, active and aware and involved, leading the way, demanding basic human rights -- the right to live and let live, love and let love.

In the final analysis, these series of historic civil rights protections are in the process of working. Increasingly, they affect the real lives of real people, lesbians and gay men all across this state, making it easier and safer to live, to work and to come out.

Yet, we must redouble our efforts now, to defend and extend the provisions of the law. We must propose domestic partner legislation to secure the economic bonds that are a part of gay and lesbian relationships. We must stop the insurance industry efforts to cut-off health benefits for people with AIDS.

And, we need a Governor who cares.

State government spends \$22 billion of your money in each budget and for the third year in a row, Governor Tommy Thompson has recommended not one thin dime of state funding for direct support services for people with AIDS, and for that I am ashamed.

My friends, we are confronted with a great moral issue: to honor not only the letter of the law, but the sense of decency and fairness that embodies the spirit of the law.

Let us remember that this struggle will never be over (because laws are not ends unto themselves) and that this struggle cannot be lost (because we are a part of a much larger movement to end racism and sexism and poverty in our society).

The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights.

Toward that goal, let us move forward, together.

9/17/91

David Cloenbach

Dear David:

I spoke w/ one of your staff Monday & she indicated that you would likely be willing to create a declaration for the march on Oct 5. A sample is enclosed which will make the process a bit easier & more simple.

I apologize for the "last-minute" feel of this - we need to have it in hand by Friday afternoon for inclusion in the rally program. It seems much of the planning for the weekend has been going this way.

If someone could call me at 263-2904 when it's done, we can make arrangements to have it picked up. If you find your schedule too heavy at this time to cover this, we will understand.

Cordially

Nancy Graham
GALVANIZE Board of Directors

TO: MARK POCAN

FROM: SYLVIA BROWN 264-5447

People of Wis

Whereas...??? the ~~Dane County Board of Supervisors~~ recognizes the significant contribution of gay and lesbian ~~elected officials, county employees, and citizens~~ to the high quality of life in ~~Dane County, Wisconsin~~; and

Wis was first state to protect...

whereas ... (~~do we have any special rights under Co. ordinances?~~);

and whereas the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) is sponsoring a Rights & Pride March on October 5, 1991 along with a full weekend of educational and celebratory events with the purpose of increasing visibility, promoting acceptance and respect for diversity and nurturing community among lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, their families, friends, and supporters

We declare October 5, 1991 as Gay & Lesbian Rights & Pride Day in ~~Dane County~~.

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David E. Clarenbach

SPEAKER PRO TEM OF THE ASSEMBLY

PROCLAMATION CITATION

WHEREAS, the people of Wisconsin recognize the significant contribution of gay and lesbian citizens to the high quality of life in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has acknowledged this contribution in a number of ways, becoming the first state in the nation to enact a law to protect gays and lesbians from discrimination, and establishing a Bill of Rights for persons with AIDS or HIV infection; and

WHEREAS, our state has expressed its offense and outrage at violence against gays, lesbians and other minorities by enacting severe penalties for hate crimes which are motivated by bigotry; and

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) is working to increase visibility, promote acceptance and respect for diversity, and nurture a sense of community among lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, their families, friends, and supporters; and

WHEREAS, GALVANize is sponsoring a Rights and Pride March on October 5, 1991, as part of a weekend of educational and celebratory events; now, therefore,

I ~~The Members of the Wisconsin Assembly, on the motion of Representative Clarenbach, hereby commend the Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance for its efforts and declare October 5, 1991 as Gay and Lesbian Rights and Pride Day in Wisconsin.~~ *as Sp. Pro Tem of Wis. St. Ass.*

GALVANIZE RALLY SPEECH
May 6, 1989
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