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## The Urban League of Greater Cleveland March on Washington Reenactment Brought the Community Together to Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of this Historical Event

Cleveland, OH – As national leaders and organizations converged in Washington DC last weekend to commemorate the historical March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, the Urban League of Greater Cleveland brought together several local leaders in the civil rights movement such as the NAACP Cleveland Chapter and other partners to present a symbolic march in downtown Cleveland starting at Willard Park on Saturday, August 26.

"This commemoration is not just a symbolic march, it's a call to unify," said Marsha A. Mockabee, ULGC President & CEO. "Now more than ever, we must stand together in a collective voice and advocate for change. We are sending a message that we are on one accord and working together to demand justice, equality, and equity in every aspect of our lives."

In addition to a symbolic march, the MOW included remarks from community and elected leaders who all shared the importance of unity and working together.

"We are standing on the shoulders of giants such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose unwavering crusade for equal rights made it possible for us to be where we are today," said Kevin Clayton, ULGC Board Chair. "But we are now facing some of the same extreme battles designed to set us back decades and keep us from productively moving forward into the future."

Our other partners included the American Jewish Committee (AJC), A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI Ohio), City of Cleveland, Cleveland Clergy Coalition, Coalition for a Better Life, Cuyahoga County, Faith Community United for Change, Greater Cleveland Association of Black Journalists (GCLEABJ), National Action Network Cleveland Chapter (NAN), The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Greater Cleveland Chapter (NCBW 100), National Pan-Hellenic Council of Greater Cleveland (NPHC), R-Cap Security, Redliners Motorcycle Club, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), United Pastors in Mission (UPIM), Warrensville Heights Marching Band, and Zulus Motorcycle Club.