

## Twin Cities marchers honor legacy of March on Washington

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Hundreds turned out in St. Paul to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic March on Washington, led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The original march took place on the Washington Mall in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963 and King delivered his now iconic “I Have a Dream” speech. Speakers at this year’s tribute march and rally, which culminated outside of the Minnesota State Capitol, said though progress has been made, King’s dream has yet to fully materialize.



“Fifty years ago, Dr. King had a dream and 50 years later we’re still fighting for a lot of the same things,” said the Rev. Brian Herron of Zion Baptist Church in Minneapolis. “The dream has not been realized. When we look at the situation, more Blacks are incarcerated than those enslaved in the 1800s. We still march for freedom. Though we have made gains, there are still those who are not free.”

Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN) reminded the crowd of about two hundred that the original march was as much about jobs as it was about fair and equal treatment.

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