



Mississippi Rising Coalition

PROPOSAL

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MISSISSIPPI RISING COALITION is a non-profit, non-partisan organization comprised of citizens and organizations which support our mission to contribute to the progress of the quality of life of all MS citizens via protection and advancement of human and civil rights and social justice. We recognize the inherent and equal value and dignity of every citizen, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic status. We recognize that progress in areas of social justice and civil rights are foundations for economic progress and the overall well-being of individual citizens and our state as a whole. Our goal is to facilitate Mississippi's rise from the bottom to the top of the list of quality of life metrics by empowering individuals and communities through education, coalition-building and advocacy in the areas of human and civil rights and social justice, and by increasing citizen engagement in the democratic process.

We are engaging in a voter registration drive which we have named the "March for Progress." We will walk and/or be transported from Clarksdale to Vicksburg, stopping at many Delta towns along the way in order to register as many voters as possible. It is our firm belief that the more that people become involved in the political process, the better that process will become. We would like to hold a registration event at Delta State University on Tuesday, September 6 to register as many students as possible. We obviously defer to school officials on the best place to locate in order to register as many students as possible.

If you need additional information in order to consider our request, please feel free to contact Cindy Eldridge, Chair of the Voter Registration Committee, at (228)342-8909 or celdridge64@gmail.com.