

Rep. Stubbs: Celebrating the 57th anniversary of the march on Washington for jobs and freedom

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MADISON, WI- 57 years ago today, civil rights leaders led a march on in Washington DC to demand civil and economic justice for Black Americans. Among these leaders were Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the late Representative John Lewis. Below are the remarks of Representative Shelia Stubbs:

“Today, we celebrate the courage and leadership of those who stood up to demand justice and freedom. In the words of the late Representative John Lewis ‘To those who have said, “Be patient and wait,” we have long said that we cannot be patient. We do not want our freedom gradually, but we want to be free now!’”

“These words ring true today. Black America still faces the public health crisis of racism. Through economic, health, political and social inequality, the lives of Black Americans are still underserved. Freedom means the opportunity to succeed and to prosper. If we want to support Black Lives, we need to invest in Black communities and create opportunities for Black Americans.”

“Thank you to everyone who is celebrating with me on this occasion. The best way we can honor the memory of those who marched all those years ago, is to continue to fight for equity and justice.”