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**TRANSCRIPT: MAYOR DE BLASIO, FIRST LADY MCCRAY DELIVER REMARKS
AT RALLY**

Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Donna Lieberman: Show me what democracy looks like!

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Lieberman: That's right! And now to tell us a little bit more about what democracy looks like in a democracy, I'm proud to introduce the Mayor of the City of New York and the First Lady, Mayor Bill de Blasio [inaudible] Thank you, so glad you guys are here.

Mayor Bill de Blasio: Thank you Donna, everyone in the Civil Liberties Union, everyone at Planned Parenthood, all the organizations, all the activists who are here.

We celebrate the anniversary of the single greatest protest in the history of the United States of America.

[Cheering]

And that protest was only a beginning. Remember that. January 21st 2017 was the beginning of a bigger movement for change. A bigger movement to protect the rights of women and to create a fair and just society, that's what began, today we continue it. And what a painful and powerful backdrop to have this march which represents everything good in this country occurring on the same day that our government is shut down because of everything wrong in this country.

Just a quick message for the President – President Trump, as you sow so shall you reap.

[Cheering]

This shut down is a result of division and hatred that you created, of racism and sexism that you fomented. You cannot lead a nation forward by dividing it. But luckily, the people have a different idea. The people will take matters into our own hands. When the government fails, you do it yourself brothers and sisters. And sisters and brothers.

I now have the wonderful honor of representing someone I've walked through life for many years and who provides in this City a voice of powerful conscious and who has never, ever stepped down in the face of a fight. Her life has been devoted to taking on division and stigma, and everything that stands in the way of peoples' rights. And she has proven as our First Lady that she can change minds and open hearts. And that's what we are here to do in this life. Ladies and gentlemen, the First Lady of New York City, Chirlane McCray.

[Cheering]

First Lady Chirlane McCray: Hello, everybody! It is so good to have a feminist husband. New York City's leaders are coming out strong today because we value women. We respect women. And every single day, we fight like hell for women.

[Cheering]

Now I need a little help from you today, when I say who we are marching for – can you say we march? Can you do that?

Audience: Yes!

First Lady McCray: Alright, for the women who are tired of being told to do with their bodies.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: For women of color who face indignity and injustice beyond sexism.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: For transgender and non-conforming New Yorkers.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: For the women who said “me too” and all those who can't.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: For Dreamers, Haitians, Salvadorians, Africans, Muslims, everyone this President wants to keep out or send away.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: For Planned Parenthood and health care women need.

Audience: We march!

First Lady McCray: Now Republicans are sabotaging the Affordable Care Act, are we going to let them do that?

Audience: No!

First Lady McCray: No, that's right. No one gets to mess with our healthcare. We march. We vote. And we are going to make sure that every New Yorker has the healthcare they need. Now, that's right, we are, right?

There are folks out here in Get Covered NYC jackets, and we want you to know that you can sign up for healthcare insurance with them today. And you can call 3-1-1 or text 8-7-7-8-7-7 to get free help in signing up. So who can you call? 3-1-1. The New York deadline is January 31st, so we need you all to help us get people covered by January 31st, in the next 11 days.

[First Lady McCray speaks in Spanish]

Alright, what do you say? Can we count on you to get people covered?

Audience: Yeah!

First Lady McCray: That's right, because who counts? Women count! Alright, thank you, let's get out there and do it.

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