



PEERS invites you to Come Out
and March with us on
December 17, 2009,
Red Umbrella Day—
The International Day to End
Violence Against Sex Workers

This event was created to call attention to hate crimes committed against sex workers all over the globe. Originally thought of by Dr. Annie Sprinkle and started by the Sex Workers Outreach Project USA as a memorial and vigil for the victims of the Green River Killer in Seattle Washington. International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers has empowered workers from over cities around the world to come together and organize against discrimination and remember victims of violence. During the week of December 17th, sex worker rights organizations will be staging actions and vigils to raise awareness about violence that is commonly committed against sex workers. The assault, battery, rape and murder of sex workers must end. Existing laws prevent sex workers from reporting violence. The stigma and discrimination that is perpetuated by the prohibitionist laws has made violence against us acceptable.

Please join with sex workers around the world and stand against criminalization and violence committed against Sex Workers. This year PEERS will be distributing Red Umbrella Pins to raise awareness. Please give a recommended donation of \$2.00 or more for these Red Umbrella Pins. The proceeds go to the PEERS outreach team which provides services to these women. Help raise awareness by wearing your red umbrella pin and by joining us on Red Umbrella Day on December 17th. We are meeting at Discovery on Government at 11:00 a.m. and will walk down Government Street to the legislature where we will be met by Chris Leischner, E.D. of PEERS and staff and community members who will be speaking on behalf of women who are no longer with us because of the crimes committed against them Guest Speaker Shauna Paul from GAATW will give us a global view of human trafficking, and Mayor Dean Fortin will be presenting a plaque of proclamation. We will be closing with a prayer and moment of silence.

Please bring a Red Umbrella!

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