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# AN ALL WOMEN'S RESPONSE TO WAR

## International Women's Day is March 8

by Rebecca Dean

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY has been celebrated for over 95 years. It is a time when women's voices regarding national and international events are meant to be the loudest. The continuous war and aggression in Iraq are on the forefront of many women activist's minds. While this march will mark the fifth anniversary of the war in Iraq, the issue of women and war begs for our attention. Masculinist perspectives dominate the blogs, websites, journals, and radio programs devoted to discussing the war. And in the lineup of anti-war activists and commentators in the media, women are underrepresented and few speak about the specific impact of the war on women.

This year women activists at the local, state, national, and international level, led by the Mariposa Alliance and GABRIELA Network ([www.gabnet.org](http://www.gabnet.org)),

are proposing to change this by calling for an All Women's Response to the War to take place on March 8, the historical International Women's Day. The Mariposa Alliance is a group of allied organizations, institutions, and individuals who work within an anti-imperialist militant feminist internationalist framework, towards the goal of full women's liberation. GABRIELA Network, a member of the Mariposa Alliance, is a Philippine-US women's solidarity mass organization. It is their hope to bring together in unity women who have hitherto worked on separate issues relating to women.

According to the organizers of the events, the International Women's Day celebration is being restored to its original historical purpose as women share in the declaration to continue their opposition

Mariposa Alliance with GABRIELA Network

### International Women's Day

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Against the War!

Women Say No To War!  
Saturday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am

Olympic & Broadway  
Downtown Los Angeles

For more information:

please visit: [www.gabnet.org](http://www.gabnet.org)  
or  
contact: [lorangeles@gabnet.org](mailto:lorangeles@gabnet.org)



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to war; the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq; and the use of war, invasion, and occupation as a method of resolving differences.

These anti-war activities will be unlike previous demonstrations because they will express a dynamic and progressive resistance to war and militarization *and* to other forms of oppression and injustice that affect women. Such a combined perspective has often struggled for visibility within the broader anti-war movement.

In a letter from the Mariposa Alliance and GABRIELA Network, they write "Dear Friends and Sisters, The Mariposa Alliance with GABRIELA Network invite women and community organizations to participate in the event either as individuals or as whole contingents representing different women's sectors. As women's work has also been extremely creative, we also encourage participants to engage in all manner of expression. For example, the Mariposa Alliance will carry its banners on butterfly wings. We will hope to build a broad march of women from all walks of life."

Therefore, as a result of what many women's activists have been calling for, International Women's Day will be given new colors and life on March 8, 2008. The All Women's Response to War will begin at 11 am in the downtown Los Angeles Garment District at the corner of Broadway and Olympic Blvd.

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*Scholars and advocates across several movements have attempted to develop approaches to human trafficking that would best serve the needs and support the rights of all migrant workers and survivors of trafficking. Many non-governmental groups organizing for immigrant, labor, sex worker, and sexual and reproductive health rights, understand the need for collaborations among them. Yet, such conceptual connections have been obstructed by U.S. anti-trafficking policies and practices, which emphasize sex trafficking over other forms of labor, and immigration enforcement over immigration relief. In order to advance the rights of human trafficking survivors, a new anti-trafficking paradigm is required-- one that evaluates human trafficking within a broad framework of immigrants' rights, worker's rights, and women's rights. Such a framework will provide the foundation for a cross-sectoral alliance to challenge the prevailing U.S. governmental approach to human trafficking and to create new strategies to protect the rights of trafficked persons.*