

Oath of Million Man March "From This Day Forward"

From this day forward, we pledge to be strong and united where before we were weak and divided to be sensitive and forgiving where before our hearts were troubled by jealousy and envy to be more loving and caring where before our souls were filled with anger and despair and we allowed violence to spew from our fists to be disciplined and focused on building more businesses where before we enabled others to benefit from our wealth to protect and respect our Queen Mothers, wives and sisters where before we allowed ignorance to roll off our tongues to embrace the truth and wisdom of our fathers and brothers where before manipulation resulted in the deaths of our sons to educate and nurture our precious, royal children where before we watched them drown in a sea of neglect and so, from this day forward, we pledge to be honorable and responsible men of God **One Million Strong!**

Quote from the Community:

"The strength of the African American male for the most part is his ability to continuously deal with the vestiges of institutionalized racism. In the same vein, I think it is hard for the African American male to continue to fight on all fronts of his life and still feel like he too is an American."

(Margaret Carter, State Representative)

Quote from the Community:

"We (Black brothers) have a common history, a common struggle. Even without expressing it to one another, we know we can fully understand one another even though we are complete strangers."

(Ben Priestley,
Executive Director of
NE. Neighborhood)

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Beautiful Black Men

i wanta say just gotta say something
bout those beautiful beautiful beautiful outasight
black men
with they afros

walking down the street
jerry butler, wilson pickett, the impressions
temptations, mighty mighty sly
don't have to do anything but walk
on stage

and i scream and stamp and shout
see new breed men in breed alls
dashiki suits with shirts that match
the lining that compliments the ties
that smile at the sandals

where dirty toes peek at me
and i scream and stamp and shout
for more beautiful beautiful beautiful
black men with outasight afros.

Poem by Nikki Giovanni, September 1968

Quote from the Community:

"I love them (Black men) too much. A pillar of strength deposed. They are being forced to fit into an environment not designed for them to fit with few accommodations made for them to fit."

(Annett Stanton, Educator and Entrepreneur)



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of black americans and their
contributions to our society. We
join The Observer in saluting*

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