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Leading Gay Activist Calls for March on Washington

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SALT LAKE CITY -- An activist who worked alongside slain gay rights leader Harvey Milk is calling for an October march on Washington to demand that Congress establish equal rights for the lesbian, gay and transgender community.

Cleve Jones said Sunday in Salt Lake City that the march will launch a nationwide grass roots campaign.

He says a confluence of events _ the election of Barack Obama as president, the success of the movie "Milk," and California's ban on gay marriage _ make this the right time to intensify the fight.

Jones announced the campaign during the Utah Pride Festival.

Jones was an intern to Milk, the first openly gay elected official who was killed by another member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1978.

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