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Alice Paul Institute Invited to Speak at the ERA Centennial March and Rally in Seneca Falls *API's Girl Leadership Council to Attend this Milestone Intergenerational Convening*

MT. LAUREL, NJ – Alice Paul Institute Executive Director Rachael Glashan Rupisan has been invited to speak at the ERA Centennial March and Rally hosted by Women March In Seneca Falls (WMISF), the Central New York National Organization of Women (NOW), the Rochester NOW, the Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL Seneca Falls) and Equal Rights Action, on July 21, 2023 at 5 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls, located on Cayuga Street.

Accompanied by Program Coordinator Olivia Errico, 10 girls from API's Girls Leadership Council will travel to Seneca Falls to participate in this intergenerational convening organized by Generation Ratify, Equal Rights Action, and Columbia Law School's ERA Project to mark the milestone anniversary.

"The ERA Centennial Convention is being held in the place where it all began," said Kate Kelly, attorney, activist, convention organizer, and API board member. "This event celebrates the women and queer people who have fought for the ERA for 100 years. We are using the history of the past to motivate the next generation of activists and inspire action."

"We are grateful to Alice Paul Institute for providing administrative and financial oversight as the fiscal sponsor of this milestone convening," said Kelly.

The ERA Centennial Convention marks the 100 years anniversary of the original ERA meeting where Alice Paul would introduce the first draft of a new amendment to the Constitution, which would later become the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote in the U.S.

"As an organization dedicated to preserving the important work of Alice Paul in the women's movement, we are heading to Seneca Falls to participate in a weekend of direct action and impactful ERA work just like Alice did 100 years ago," said Rachael Glashan Rupisan, API executive director. "The ERA Centennial Convention will be more than just an anniversary. The organizers are bringing together the most diverse group of ERA delegates ever to assemble, and to usher in the newest generation of ERA activists."

The **Alice Paul Institute** (API) is dedicated to educating the public about the work of equal rights activist Alice Paul (1885-1977) and to developing the next generation of advocates for equality. Paul was a driving force behind the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote, and co-author of the

Equal Rights Amendment. From its headquarters at Paul's childhood home Paulsdale, API highlights Paul and other trailblazers in its leadership development programs for young women and civic engagement programs for participants of all ages. API continues to advocate for the passage of the ERA which, when enshrined in the U.S. Constitution, will give legal and lasting equal protections to people of all genders.

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