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## **NOW-NYC Mourns Loss of Abortion Provider, Dr. George Tiller** **Statement of NOW-NYC President, Sonia Ossorio**

New York, NY- Please join NOW-NYC and other reproductive rights advocates TONIGHT for a vigil to mourn the loss of the fallen hero Dr. George Tiller. As the only provider in a three-state radius who performed terminations for troubled later pregnancies, Dr. Tiller cared deeply about his patients and about women's rights and lives.

There is much to honor about this caregiver. He was courageous against all odds. He lived a life filled with death threats, daily harassment, blockades, assault, including an attempted murder in 1993 when he was shot in both arms. He returned to work the very next day.

His deep commitment to the cause of providing safe and legal abortions to women in often desperate circumstances extends to his extraordinary staff, who must now continue on without his stewardship. We can all only hope that this depraved act will inspire others to step in and fulfill Dr. Tiller's deep commitment to women. Please join us today, on this Day of Mourning, to honor Dr. Tiller.

### **Vigil for Dr. Tiller**

**TONIGHT, Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 pm**

**Union Square, New York City**

The National Organization for Women is the nation's largest organization working to advance women's rights and improve women's lives. The New York City Chapter of NOW, founded in 1966, is one of the largest chapters in the country with over 5,000 members locally and 35,000 statewide. NOW-NYC works to protect women's reproductive choices, end violence against women and eliminate sex discrimination in our schools, workplaces, and the justice system in New York.

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