

# MOTHER'S DAY MARCH FOR PEACE

**1 p.m., Saturday, May 13 in Bellingham**

Meet at Railroad & Maple outside the Farmers Market

Bring signs, banners, and your people

Free concert & snacks afterward at the Karate Church (High St. & Maple)



Mother's Day is a holiday born in the wake of war's carnage. First celebrated by the grassroots in 1870, it became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.

With our country again engaged in devastating and costly wars abroad and many of our own communities torn apart by violence, it's time for

Mother's Day to return to its roots as day to reflect on the reality of war through a mother's eyes. We can now restore the promise of this holiday in accordance with Julia Ward Howe's original proclamation:

*"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience."*