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Women Take Stand for Better World

Group Urges Women to Rise in Global Silence at 1 p.m., May 11

Mother's Day is fast approaching and as we prepare to celebrate the mothers in our lives we often neglect to recognize the most important mother of all: Mother Earth. On Sunday, May 11 at 1 p.m., thousands of people around the globe will stand together in silence for five minutes in local parks, schools, churches and other gathering places to promote a better world for future generations. The result will be a 24-hour global wave of humanity standing to motivate and invigorate others to realize the dream of a better world for all.

In May of 2007, thousands of women stood together in 75 countries and on all the continents of the globe to show their support for the world of which they dream. Inspired by a story written by Sharon Mehdi of Ashland, Oregon, *The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering*, collectively they decided that it was time to take a stand to make a difference. By standing for a moment of silence, participants will recognize the importance for all of the children of the world of issues such as safe drinking water, clean air, food for all to eat, access to basic education, adequate health care and safety from violence.

The event is not limited only to women, however, and many men stood in May 2007. Julian Koss of Sarasota, Florida has actively promoted the event in his state. "We're all obligated to leave for our children and the 'seven generations to follow' a better world," says Koss.

Standing sites in all 50 U.S. states and around the globe are listed on the website and range from large-scale groups of a thousand or more to individual standings. Participants have the option of attending one of the gatherings listed or starting their own.

In our area, we invite you to stand together at _____

More information on the event including standing sites, promotional materials and registration can be found at www.standingwomen.org.

For more information on our local standing contact: _____