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## OPINION

### 'Let's make every day Mother's Day'

Mother's Day is an occasion to honor mothers and to recognize their essential, often heroic contributions to our families and communities. This holiday is also an opportunity to make commitments in their names to stop violence against all women and against children.

Women, whatever their relationship to us, they deserve to live in peace. They should be secure from any threat to their security.

Too many headlines remind us that this demands a great deal more effort from men individually and from society's institutions. Ensuring adequate state and federal funding, as well as philanthropic contributions, will only begin to address the need for prevention and protection.

Let's take responsibility for this problem; let's end it. Let's make every day Mother's Day.

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