

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 6<sup>th</sup> National Nurses Day:**

**Confirmed Musical Guests 'People's March for Medicare for All'**

**Tacoma, Washington.**

**Sunday May 6th, 2018. 10:00 am.**

**Wright Park, 501 South 1st Street**

Grassroots organizations and nurses from all over Washington State will be represented at the rally and march in Tacoma's Wright Park on Nurse's Day.

The event at Wright Park in Tacoma is a celebration of nurses, the nation's largest group of caregivers, and a non-partisan rally for universal healthcare coverage. Live musical guests and speakers are scheduled.

Confirmed musical guests include Wickline, Hip Hop in Politics, Tobias The Owl, and Danny Newcomb and the Sugarmakers. Band members stated personal reasons for playing this benefit on Nurses Day. A surprise guest will be announced next month.

Crowd participation at the 'People's March for Medicare for All' includes signature gathering for a non-partisan ballot initiative I-1600.

The 3.2 mile march from Wright Park in central Tacoma, circuiting past large healthcare facilities Multi-care, St. Joseph's and along MLK is to be led by an as yet unnamed Puyallup Tribal leader.

The group 'Red Berets for Medicare for All' creates a visual statement by knitting and wearing red berets in support of healthcare as a human right. Marchers are encouraged to wear red hats. Organizer Laura Fielding stated, "A nationwide vision for the Red Beret movement is catching on. In a nutshell, our country needs it, and Washington state must be the Saskatchewan of the United States!"

Fielding references that after the province of Saskatchewan passed health coverage for all citizens, the rest of Canada soon followed. Her Canadian sister has prepared a statement about her positive healthcare experience. "This is about what is right, and moral. This is about people power, coming together, and ultimately, it is all about the heart, which is at the center of health and therefore, Healthcare." said Fielding.

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The Washington State People's Initiative I-1600 has support from various unions, independent political candidates, and healthcare providers across Washington state. 'Whole Washington' the

grassroots organizers of I-1600 want Washington to be the first state to pass health coverage for all in this country.

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