



The United States Congress

AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TULSI GABBARD

IN CELEBRATION OF THE

2018 MAHATMA GANDHI DAY & INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE

On this day that we set aside to honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, we remember the universal spiritual ideals that motivated Gandhi. Respecting everyone as a child of God—regardless of race, gender, religion, or any other designation—is an understanding that Gandhi had in common with sages and saintly persons throughout history. It is this spiritual understanding, this spiritual love—which in Hawaii we call aloha spirit—that we should all strive to live by and share with others. This is how we can affect positive change in our community, across the country, and in the world.

Let us always remember the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, who said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

This statement is as relevant now as it was when Gandhi spoke these words so many years ago. It is a guide to how we can go through our lives. The quality and fabric of a person or measure of success has nothing to do with race or gender, rank or religion. These qualities do not define us or our success. It is what is in our hearts, our motivation, why we do what we do every day—that is what matters. When we live motivated by a desire to be of service, give back to our community, and put the wellbeing of others before ourselves, we experience the deepest reward and happiness. This is the timeless wisdom found in the message of Mahatma Gandhi, who we are honoring here today.

Mahalo nui loa to the Gandhi International Institute of Peace, its president Dr. Raj Kumar, the Board of Directors, Board of Advisors, Event Coordinators, guests, and everyone who worked to make today's celebration possible. Thank you for your work to share Mahatma Gandhi's legacy and the lessons he dedicated his life to perpetuating—peace, love, humility, faith, and servant leadership. As we join hands, let us confront hatred with love. Confront bigotry with Aloha. Confront fear with truth. Let us truly live Aloha in our actions, in our words, and in our hearts.

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Date

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