



The Senate

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE UPON THE 2018 CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY IN HAWAI'I

"Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong." - Mahatma Gandhi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, also known as "Mahatma", was born on October 2, 1869. He became the leader of Indian nationalism in British-ruled India and led India to independence through the pioneering use of non-violent civil disobedience and passive resistance, inspiring political leaders and civil rights movements across the world.

Gandhi is commemorated annually on October 2nd with a national holiday in India and with the International Day of Non-Violence worldwide, established by a United Nations General Assembly resolution on June 15, 2007. The resolution reaffirms the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence." The International Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness."

In Hawai'i, the Gandhi International Institute For Peace was founded by Dr. Raj Kumar, Ph.D., with a mission to provide information, consultation, education, and training to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner. An initial effort to promote public awareness was a request to the Hawai'i State Legislature to commemorate the inspiration, tolerance, and enduring legacy of Mohandas Gandhi on the date of his birth. During the Regular Session of 2015, the State Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Bill 332 proposing to designate October 2nd of each year as "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day". On April 9, 2015, Governor David Y. Ige signed the bill into law making Hawai'i the first state in the Union to so honor Gandhi.

During the Regular Session of 2016, the State Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, SD1, HD1 to formally establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawai'i and the State of Goa of the Republic of India--further honoring the legacy of Gandhi and promoting international peace and goodwill among our people through travel, culture and the arts, education, and economic relations.

"The greatness of humanity is not in being human, but in being humane." - Mahatma Gandhi

The Senate of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i hereby recognizes and congratulates the **Gandhi International Institute For Peace** for its leadership in advocating for and achieving the establishment of October 2nd as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day in Hawai'i. We extend *Aloha* and best wishes for continued success and achievement by the **Gandhi International Institute For Peace** in the fulfillment of its mission.



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