MESSAGE FROM
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In Celebration of the 12th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day &
International Day of Nonviolence

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Aloha and welcome to everyone attending the 12th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day and
International Day of Nonviolence.

On October 2nd or “Mahatma Gandhi Day”, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace
celebrates a day of recognition and observance. Mahatma Gandhi was a man who taught the
world about the strength of non-violence and the beauty of peace. His teachings inspired
countless others worldwide including leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr. and Nelson
Mandela.

From the Women’s March in January to peaceful counter protests against racism, Gandhi’s
 teachings of non-violent civil disobedience have taken on an important role in the current
American civil discourse.

The Gandhi International Institute for Peace plays an important role by providing consultation
and training in order to resolve conflicts in a non-violent manner. Through their work with
providing training to schools, teaching spiritual methods, and providing psychological services,
the institute has been able to inspire the community to practice their teachings in the hope that
future generations will live together in peace.

Mahalo to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace and everyone who worked together to
make this event possible and for your hard work in promoting peace in Hawaii.

My best wishes to you all for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

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