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**MESSAGE FROM  
U.S. SENATOR MAZIE K. HIRONO**

**In Celebration of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day &  
International Day of Nonviolence**

October 2, 2017

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

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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