Aloha kakou!

Thank you for the honor and privilege of sharing a special message in recognition of the 14th annual Honolulu observation of Mahatma Gandhi Day & International Day of Non-Violence. As we gather to recognize the heartfelt contributions of Mahatma Gandhi, we remember a gentle, kind hearted leader who blazed a trail of hope and laid the foundation of a legacy of peace for generations to come.

Even 150 years later on his birth Anniversary, Mahatma Gandhi’s influence and messages of peace continue to resonate around the world - inspiring generations to live a life of love, peace, and respect. One of his famous ideologies reads “The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace.” Dr. Martin Luther King also spoke about how much Mahatma Gandhi’s life and message inspired his own work for peace, justice, and equality in America.

Mahatma Gandhi shared the universal message of love and respect for all, regardless of a person’s race, ethnicity, or religion. He employed nonviolent civil disobedience and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. His indelible and remarkable messages are critical now more than ever, as we are faced with ever deepening divides. We all have the ability to perpetuate Gandhi’s message and our motivation to do good in this world every day. Let us live through his example, inspired by his messages of peace, and defeat bigotry and hatred with love and aloha.

Mahalo nui loa to Gandhi International Institute for Peace, for bringing this commemorative gathering to fruition, selfless service, and determination to spread peace and love through your hard work and missions. It is clear by your passion and devotion, that your heart is filled with goodness. Ho’omaika’i and best wishes for a memorable and unforgettable celebration!

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Tulsi Gabbard
Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard
Serving the People of Hawai‘i’s 2nd District

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