



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, and is regarded as one of the most important political and spiritual leaders of his time for pioneering the concept of resistance to tyranny through peaceful non-cooperation; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Nonviolence, which is a global observance to promote nonviolence through education and public awareness held on October 2 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday; and

WHEREAS, Governor David Y. Ige signed Act 005 into law in 2015, making Hawai'i the first state to designate October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day in honor of this champion of freedom, justice and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu's Gandhi International Institute for Peace provides information, consultation, education and training to resolve conflicts in a nonviolent manner to create harmony in our families, schools, workplace and community; and

WHEREAS, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace initiated legislation to designate June 21 as International Yoga Day in Hawai'i, which was unanimously passed by the Hawai'i legislature and signed by Governor David Y. Ige into law on June 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth and the International Day of Nonviolence with a special celebration at Kapiolani Park on October 5, 2019,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019, to be

**MAHATMA GANDHI DAY
and
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE**

to honor the life and achievements of this champion of freedom, human rights and social change, and to extend deep appreciation to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace and everyone involved in presenting this special tribute.



Done this 5th day of October, 2019,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

KIRK CALDWELL