

Council of the City and County of Honolulu

Certificate

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY FOR 8 YEARS OF PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACROSS HAWAI'I

WHEREAS, the practice of yoga is an ancient physical, mental, and spiritual discipline that promotes harmony between mind and body, encourages healthy living, and fosters peace and well-being for individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Prime Minister of India first suggested in 2014 to annually mark June 21 as International Day of Yoga, celebrating this timeless practice that nurtures the body and soul; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2019, Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to proclaim June 21 as International Yoga Day, establishing a statewide recognition of yoga's importance to health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Ghandi International Institute for Peace (GIIP), founded by Dr. Raj Kumar on September 11, 2001, has since worked to raise awareness about peace, health and wellness throughout Hawai'i, helping to advance the values reflected in International Yoga Day; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i embrace practices that support holistic well-being and reflect the values of aloha, compassion, and mālama 'āina, strengthening both individual resilience and community connection; and

WHEREAS, International Yoga Day Hawai'i has since become an annual observance celebrated across the islands, bringing together practitioners, instructors, and community members in shared wellness and cultural connection; and

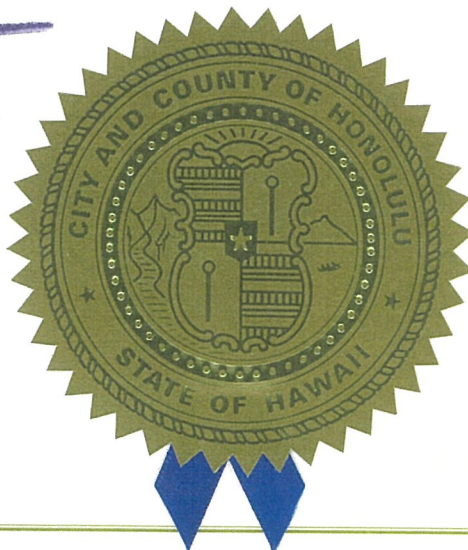
WHEREAS, this year marks the 8th annual celebration of International Yoga Day Hawai'i, to be observed with a community gathering at the Waikīkī Bandstand with the theme "Yoga for Physical, Mental and Spiritual Transformation," and is co-sponsored by the City and County of Honolulu and the Consulate General of India, San Francisco, highlighting the continued growth and significance of this event in our island community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the City and County of Honolulu, the Honolulu City Council recognizes the 8th Annual International Yoga Day in honor of peace, unity, and wellness for all, and encourages all residents to engage in practices that promote health, mindfulness, and well-being.

DATED: June 21, 2026

Tommy Waters

TOMMY WATERS, Chair
Introducer



[Handwritten signatures on lines: A. Spola, O W, Radiant, John Deo Santos, Val A. Okunev, Esther Kia'ania]