

The House of Representatives
State of Hawai'i
Kāle o nā Lūna, Makuāinana

hereby presents this certificate to

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF
MAHATMA GANDHI DAY
AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognizes the 154th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, one of the most influential political and spiritual leaders of all time; and

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi pioneered *satyagraha*, a philosophy of resistance to tyranny through non-violent civil disobedience that continues to resonate in the hearts of countless world leaders, justice seekers, and individuals today; and

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi led expansive campaigns to ease poverty, elevate women's rights, build religious and ethnic amity, end untouchability, and, most notably, establish India's national independence from British rule; and

WHEREAS, since its founding by Dr. Raj Kumar in 2001, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace has been raising awareness about peace and non-violence in Hawaii and around the world; and


WHEREAS, in tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, who was born in Porbandar, India, on October 2, 1869, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on June 15, 2007, declaring October 2nd the International Day of Non-Violence; and

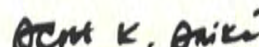
WHEREAS, similarly, the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii unanimously passed, and Governor David Y. Ige signed into law, Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, declaring October 2nd as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii to raise awareness of and support for human dignity and peaceful conflict resolution, in furtherance of a harmonious, safe, and compassionate society; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii that this body hereby congratulates and honors the Gandhi International Institute for Peace on its October 2, 2023, program, "Global Peace," in observance of the Institute's eighteenth annual celebration of Mahatma Gandhi Day and the International Day of Non-Violence.

The 32nd Legislature, 2023


Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto


Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk


Scott K. Salki, Speaker of the House