



The House of Representatives
State of Hawai'i
Kale o nā Luna Maka Āinana
hereby presents this certificate to

GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE
20th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day and International Day of Nonviolence Celebration

WHEREAS, born on October 2, 1869, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, revered worldwide as Mahatma Gandhi, was the leader of Indian nationalism in British-ruled India and led India to independence through the use of non-violent civil disobedience; he became a global symbol of peace, justice, and passive resistance and his unwavering commitment to the philosophy of *ahimsa* (nonviolence) and tenets of *satyagraha* (holding firmly to truth) inspired civil rights and freedom movements across the globe; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations voted to establish October 2 as the International Day of Nonviolence to honor Mahatma Gandhi's legacy and to promote peace, dialogue, and understanding among different nations and peoples; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2015, Governor David Ige signed into law Act 5, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, designating October 2 of each year as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day in Hawai'i, making Hawai'i the first state to do so; and

WHEREAS, based in Hawai'i, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE continues to uphold and promote Mahatma Gandhi's peace-affirming principles by promoting nonviolent ways to address conflicts through education, training, and community events and engagement; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2025, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE will hold its 20th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day and International Day of Nonviolence celebration with activities in Waikiki, including spiritual invocation, chanting, mantras, meditation, yoga, music, cultural dance, and speeches by interfaith and social leaders for world peace, bringing together people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs to reflect on Mahatma Gandhi's enduring message that lasting change begins with compassion, courage, and nonviolence; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i hereby honors the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi on his 156th birthday, posthumously, recognizes the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE on the momentous occasion of its 20th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Day and International Day of Nonviolence celebration, and commends the Institute for its steadfast leadership and commitment to promoting peaceful ways to resolve conflicts in Hawai'i.

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