



The House of Representatives

State of Hawai'i

Hale o nā Luna Maka Āinana

hereby presents this certificate to

GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE

7th Annual International Yoga Day Celebration

WHEREAS, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE was established by Dr. Raj Kumar, Ph.D., with a mission to provide information, consultation, education, and training to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner; based in Honolulu, the Institute has continued to support Mahatma Gandhi's philosophies and teachings, including his advocacy for "ahimsa," which means to refrain from harming others in thoughts, words, and actions; and

WHEREAS, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE has initiated numerous activities in support of its mission, including organizing a World Peace Walk in 2007 and a vigil and interfaith prayer service after a 2012 gun violence incident in Wisconsin; it was also instrumental in the adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution 20, S.D.1, H.D.1, in 2016 that established a Sister-State relationship between the State of Hawai'i and the State of Goa in the Republic of India, thereby honoring the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and fostering international peace and goodwill through travel, cultural exchange, and economic collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE has also been an avid supporter of the practice of yoga, a discipline that not only strengthens the body and calms the mind, but also cultivates a heightened sense of awareness and responsibility in daily life, empowering individuals to adopt healthier and more sustainable lifestyles; in this way, yoga serves as a pathway to facilitate well-being and improve health, both for individuals and for communities as a whole, reflecting the timeless Sanskrit phrase, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which translates to "the world is one family"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of yoga in promoting health, wellness, and peace across different communities, the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE helped to pass legislation, enacted as Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, designating June 21 of each year as International Yoga Day in Hawai'i; since then, the Institute has organized an annual event in honor of this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, June 22, 2025, will mark the 7th Annual International Yoga Day Celebration hosted by the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE, in collaboration with the Consulate General of India, San Francisco, under the theme "Yoga for Health & Peace"; the community will be invited to engage in yoga asanas, breathing exercises, mantra chanting, meditation, cultural dances, and sound healing, all free of charge; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i hereby recognizes and congratulates the GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE on the momentous occasion of its 7th Annual International Yoga Day Celebration and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

The 33rd Legislature, 2025

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