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and  
MAHATMA GANDHI DAY  
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Aloha!

I am pleased to extend my warmest greeting to all who join me in recognizing this day when we pay homage not just to a man – but to his message. The ongoing pandemic prevents us from being together to commemorate this day like we did last year at Kapiolani Park, but please know that I join all of you in the spirit of the occasion.

At a time when our country is experiencing much strife due to the COVID-19, and in a period when we are faced with much division along political, social and economic lines, we would do well to look to the words and deeds of a man who taught us that nonviolence can actually heal deep wounds in society.

The Mahatma himself actually drew inspiration from a man who devoted his life to caring for the sick here in Hawaii – Saint Damien. As Gandhi led the struggle of his people against colonialism, he said he drew strength from the priest from Belgium who looked after those who suffered from Hansen's Disease on Molokai.

Two men who never met did what they had to do in the face of great odds – and went about their work quietly and peaceably – in the service of men and women. We would do well to heed their example.

With Aloha,

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