



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in India on October 2, 1869; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi inspired human rights movements around the world with his philosophy of passive resistance, Satyagraha, to achieve political and social progress, seek truth in a spirit of peace and love, and remain firm and resilient in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations passed a resolution and declared October 2 as International Day of Nonviolence; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Dr. Raj Kumar of O'ahu laid the foundation for the Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP) in Hawaii to provide information, consultation, education and training to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner; and

WHEREAS, GIIP has organized annual peace conferences and events to support and encourage nonviolence in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to officially declare Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day, better known as Mahatma Gandhi Day, to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's life and works; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii understands the importance of cultural understanding and international peace as shown by the establishment of a sister-state relationship with Goa, India and Hawaii through a State Legislature resolution in 2016;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2021 as

"MAHATMA GANDHI DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in celebrating the legacy of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, practice tolerance and understanding, and recognize the strength of nonviolence with peaceful and positive actions.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of October 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i