



Proclamation

WHEREAS, born on October 2, 1869, Mahatma Gandhi grew up under British colonial rule in his mother country of India; and

WHEREAS, he traveled to England to study law and subsequently moved to South Africa to work and develop his commitment to civil rights and nonviolent resistance; and

WHEREAS, in 1915 he returned to India to lead the movement for independence against the British rule; and

WHEREAS, as the central figure of Indian nationalism, he led the country to independence through use of non-violent civil disobedience during a time when the British dominated India, becoming a renowned world leader for his successful campaign using nonviolent philosophy of passive resistance; and

WHEREAS, his legacy flourishes present day as he remains an inspiration for various political leaders and civic rights movements globally; and

WHEREAS, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP) in Hawai'i commemorates Gandhi's 157th birthday; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Gandhi's birthday, GIIP is celebrating International Day of Nonviolence which has chosen the theme of World Peace; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 11th anniversary of Act 5, a law making Hawai'i the first state in the nation to designate October 2 of each year as Mahatma Gandhi Day, as well as the 21st Mahatma Gandhi Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, GIIP has been instrumental in its unwavering dedication and commitment to promote peace and understanding for a harmonious and inclusive society.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2026 as

"MAHATMA GANDHI DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the principles of peace, tolerance and nonviolence.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this eighteenth day of September 2026.


Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i