

Proclamation

WHEREAS, yoga means union of the soul with the Divine - a gift from ancient Indian philosophers and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, it permeates one's lifestyle, defining restraints in moral living, which brings purity of mind and freedom from anger and jealousy as well as discipline in daily routines and activities; and

WHEREAS, yoga statistics show that there are an estimated 300 million yoga practitioners worldwide, and more than 36 million in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Hawai'i there are approximately 215 yoga studios and growing in popularity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raj Kumar founded the non-profit Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP) in 2001 in Honolulu where it has been promoting peace, educating youth about nonviolence, and raising awareness about healthy living in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21st as International Day of Yoga in 2014; and

WHEREAS, GIIP initiated legislation at the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2018 and subsequently the measure passed in both houses, and on June 21, 2019 the bill was signed into law, Act 102, making Hawai'i the first state in the nation to officially recognize June 21st as International Yoga Day in Hawai'i; and


WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Gandhi International Institute for Peace along with the Consulate General of India, San Francisco to present the 7th Annual International Yoga Day Celebration - Yoga for Health and Peace - at Kapi'olani Regional Park;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2025 as

"INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating yoga to attain a holistic approach to well-being and fitness.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this second day of June 2025.


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