



The House of Representatives *State of Hawaii*

hereby presents this certificate to

DR. RAJ KUMAR

**Gandhi International Institute for Peace
Hawaii's Fourth Annual International Yoga Day**

WHEREAS, June 21, 2022, marks Hawaii's fourth annual celebration of International Yoga Day, which features keynote speaker Dr. Deepak Chopra and esteemed guest speakers, including DR. RAJ KUMAR, founder of the Gandhi International Institute for Peace; and

WHEREAS, International Day of Yoga was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 after it adopted a resolution introduced by India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi to raise worldwide awareness of the numerous benefits of yoga; and

WHEREAS, yoga is practiced by more than 300 million people worldwide and can promote health and well-being resulting in physical, mental, and spiritual balance; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Hawaii became the first state in the nation to officially recognize International Yoga Day when House Bill 349, Senate Draft 1, was passed by the Hawaii State Legislature and signed into law by Governor David Y. Ige; and

WHEREAS, DR. RAJ KUMAR and the Gandhi International Institute for Peace continuously uplift the people of Hawaii by promoting nonviolence and peace, raising awareness about healthy living, educating the youth of Hawaii, and organizing and hosting community events that are open to the public; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii hereby congratulates DR. RAJ KUMAR and the Gandhi International Institute for Peace on the celebration of Hawaii's Fourth Annual International Yoga Day and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

The 31st Legislature, 2022

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