



# 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**, in Hawai'i, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace commemorates the 156th birthday of Gandhi; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this is a milestone year as GIIP marks the 20th 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; 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, 2025 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 fifteenth day of September 2025.

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