



Aloha e Friends,

I hope you and your 'ohana are well... Time is flying by. Just a reminder that our next legislative session begins January 17. If you have any ideas on bills that need to be introduced, let me know. As always, please contact me at (808) 586-6830 or sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov if I can help you or your family in any way. I also invite you to follow me on social media:

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) @SenatorMikeGabbard, [Twitter](#) @SENNIKEGABBARD, and [YouTube](#) @SenatorMikeGabbard. Also, if you'd like to be added to my mail list, you can send an email to sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov with "mail list" in the subject line.

Best wishes to you and your 'ohana.

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DISTRICT 21

Kapolei, Makakilo, Kalaeloa, and portions of:
Fernandez Village, Ewa

Listen Story Community Meeting

Please join me at my next Listen Story Community meeting on Saturday, November 4, from 9am-10am at the [Kapolei High School](#) Teachers' Lounge. We'll have a Guest Speaker followed by District 21 Community Updates. There'll be time for Q & A. You'll also have the option to attend virtually. Please email or call my office for a link to the zoom meeting. You can view this and all the past recordings of Listen Story meetings on my [YouTube channel](#).



Gandhi Celebration

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."- Mahatma Gandhi

On October 1, my Chief of Staff, Meg Turner, presented on behalf of myself and the Hawai'i State Senate of the 32nd Legislature, as well as the House of Representatives, an Honorary Certificate to Dr. Raj Kumar to honor and commend the [Gandhi International Institute for Peace](#) upon the celebration of the 18th International Day of Non-Violence and

My Chief of Staff, Meg Turner presented on my behalf an Honorary Certificate to Dr. Raj Kumar, President IAFC, Hawai'i Chapter & Founder & President Emeritus GIIP-Gandhi International Institute for Peace, to honor and commend the GIIP Oct. 1.

Mahatma Gandhi Day. In Hawai'i, the GIIP was founded by Dr. Raj Kumar, Ph.D., President- IAFC, Hawai'i Chapter & Founder & President Emeritus GIIP-Gandhi International Institute for Peace, with a mission to provide information, consultation, education, and training to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner. Dr. Kumar's initial efforts resulted in the Hawai'i State Legislature unanimously adopting Senate Bill 332 to designate October 2nd of each year as "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day," a day of recognition and observance. On April 9, 2015,

Governor David Ige signed the bill into law as Act 5, making Hawai'i the first state to so honor Gandhi. We're grateful for the efforts of GIIP to serve our state by championing the cause of non-violence and reminding us of the true Aloha Spirit. We wish GIIP continued success in the fulfillment of their mission to honor the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, while promoting a culture of global peace, tolerance, and understanding.

Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers Conference

On October 5, I spoke at the 33rd Annual [Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers](#) Conference, at the Neal Blaisdell Center in Honolulu, and gave a 2023 Agriculture Legislative Summary. The conference was geared toward farmers, educators, orchard managers and proponents of sustainable agriculture, and was open to the public. The theme was "Security Starts with the Soil." Many mahalos to Ken Love, Executive Director, and Mark Suiso, President, for inviting me to speak. I was honored to have been part of the afternoon program.



Honored to share the 2023 Agriculture Legislative Summary at the 33rd Annual Hawai'i Tropical Fruit Growers Conference, at the Blaisdell Center, Oct. 5.