



The House of Representatives
State of Hawai'i
Hale o nā Luna Naka Āinana

hereby presents this certificate to

DR. RAJ KUMAR
GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE,
FOR HOSTING HAWAII'S FIFTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

WHEREAS, June 21, 2023, marks Hawaii's fifth annual celebration of International Yoga Day, which features keynote speaker Hawaii State Senator Mike Gabbard and other esteemed speakers, including DR. RAJ KUMAR, founder of the Gandhi International Institute for Peace; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution, introduced by India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to proclaim June 21 as the International Day of Yoga and raise awareness of the benefits of practicing yoga; and

WHEREAS, more than three hundred million people practice yoga worldwide; and

WHEREAS, yoga 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, signed by Governor David Y. Ige, and become Act 102, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019; 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-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, that this body hereby congratulates DR. RAJ KUMAR and the Gandhi International Institute for Peace on the celebration of Hawaii's Fifth Annual International Yoga Day and extends its warmest aloha and best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

The 32nd Legislature, 2023

Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto

Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk