



The House of Representatives State of Hawaii

hereby presents this certificate to

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF MAHATMA GANDHI DAY AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii congratulates the Gandhi International Institute for Peace on the 151st anniversary of Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's birth, one of the most influential political and spiritual leaders of all time; and

WHEREAS, widely known as "Saint", Mahatma Gandhi pioneered satyagraha, a philosophy of resistance to tyranny through peaceful and nonviolent civil disobedience that continues to resonate in the hearts of countless world leaders, justice seekers, and individuals today; and

WHEREAS, from his time as a young British-trained lawyer in South Africa to his role as a pioneering community organizer in India, Mahatma Gandhi led expansive campaigns to ease poverty, increase women's rights, build religious and ethnic amity, end untouchability, and most notably, establish India's national independence from British rule; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Raj Kumar laid the foundation of the Gandhi International Institute for Peace when the twin towers were attacked by terrorists in New York on September 11, 2001. Since then, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace has been raising awareness about peace and non-violence in Hawaii and around the world; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, who was born in Porbandar, India on October 2, 1869, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on June 15, 2007, declaring October 2 the International Day of Non-Violence; and

WHEREAS, similarly, in 2015, the Twenty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii and Governor David Y. Ige unanimously passed Act 5, declaring October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii to raise awareness of and support for human dignity and peaceful resolution in furtherance of a harmonious, safe, and compassionate society; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii that this body hereby congratulates and honors the Gandhi International Institute for Peace on its October 2, 2020, virtual program in observance of the Institute's fifteenth annual celebration of Mahatma Gandhi Day and the International Day of Non-Violence.

The 30TH Legislature, 2020

Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House

Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto

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