



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869, and is regarded as one of the most important political and spiritual leaders of his time for pioneering the concept of resistance to tyranny through peaceful non-cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, the United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Nonviolence, a global observance to promote nonviolence through education and public awareness held on October 2 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor David Y. Ige signed Act 005 into law in 2015, making Hawai'i the first state to designate October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day in honor of this champion of freedom, justice and human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Honolulu's Gandhi International Institute for Peace, founded by Dr. Raj Kumar on September 11, 2001 to raise awareness of nonviolence, is presenting the International Day of Nonviolence and Gandhi Day Celebration on October 2, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the event will feature keynote speaker Suzanne Chun Oakland and a variety of engaging and inspiring speakers,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2024, to be

**MAHATMA GANDHI DAY  
and  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE**

in the City and County of Honolulu, in honor of Mahatma Gandhi's 155th birthday, his advocacy for human rights and social change, and to extend deep appreciation to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace for presenting this special tribute and celebration.



Done this 2nd day of October, 2024,  
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

*Rick Blangiardi*

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