



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Act 005 was signed into law by Governor David Y. Ige in 2015, designating October 2 as Mahatma Gandhi Day to honor this champion of freedom, justice, and human rights; and

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

WHEREAS, Honolulu's Gandhi International Institute for Peace, led by its President, Dr. Raj Kumar, which has in the past years sponsored a special celebration at Kapiolani Park to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's birth and the International Day of Nonviolence has decided not to hold any public ceremony this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of a public in-person ceremony, the Board of Gandhi International Institute for Peace has decided to host the 15th International Day of Nonviolence and 151st birthday of Mahatma Gandhi with an international webinar on October 2, 2020 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm; and

WHEREAS, this webinar, which will feature international speakers from all over the world and will include spiritual invocation, chanting mantra, yoga, meditation, and multi-cultural dances, is free and open to the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace is inviting all those who are interested and dedicated to the ideals of world peace through nonviolence to attend this special webinar on October 2, 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020, to be

**Mahatma Gandhi Day
And
International Day of Nonviolence**

to honor the life and achievements of this champion of freedom, human rights, and social change and to extend deep appreciation to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace and everyone involved in presenting this special tribute.



Done this 2nd day of October, 2020,
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell".

KIRK CALDWELL