



# 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, which is 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 and the Still & Moving Center are presenting International Day of Non-Violence and Gandhi Day Celebration on October 2, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the webinar event will feature keynote speakers Tushar A. Gandhi and Audrey E. Kitagawa, JD, and a variety of other engaging speakers and inspiring presentations of music and dance,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK BLANGIARDI**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2021, 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, the Still & Moving Center and everyone involved in presenting this special tribute and celebration.



Done this 2nd day of October, 2021,  
in Honolulu, Hawai'i.

*Rick Blangiardi*

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