



# The Senate

## HONORING AND COMMENDING THE GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE UPON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE AND MAHATMA GANDHI DAY IN HAWAI'I

*"Through the realization of the freedom of India, I hope to realize and carry on the mission of the brotherhood of man.  
The concept of my patriotism is consistent with the broadest good of humanity at large."*

*-Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, 1929*

October 2<sup>nd</sup> is an inspirational day worldwide—a day dedicated to peace, remembrance, and nonviolence. The International Day of Nonviolence worldwide, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007, honors Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

Gandhi is known as a Mahatma, which means "great souled", given as a title of honor to one who is loved and highly respected. The name of Mahatma Gandhi transcends the bounds of race, religion, and nation-states, and has emerged as the prophetic voice of the twenty-first century. The world remembers Gandhi not just for his passionate adherence to the practice of nonviolence and supreme humanism, but as the benchmark against which we test men and women in public life, political ideas, and government policies, and the hopes and wishes of humanity at large.

*"We are living in an age of darkness (ignorance) and the world  
is going through major turmoil. This is the right time to raise awareness about  
Mahatma Gandhi's wisdom to counter violence with nonviolence,  
so there can be peace on earth and the future generations can live in a safer world."*

*-Dr. Raj Kumar*

In Hawai'i, the **Gandhi International Institute for Peace** was founded by Dr. Raj Kumar, Ph.D., with a vision to provide education and training along with problem solving through leadership, to create transformation in the society and establish Global Peace. Thanks to Dr. Kumar's efforts, the Hawai'i State Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Bill 332 to designate October 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year as "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day", a day of recognition and observance. On April 9, 2015, Governor David Ige signed the bill into law as Act 5, making Hawai'i the first state to so honor Gandhi.

The Hawai'i State Senate honors and commends the **Gandhi International Institute for Peace** upon the celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> International Day of Nonviolence and Mahatma Gandhi Day Celebration. Mahalo for providing information to resolve conflict in a non-violent manner that leads to harmony in the family, school, workplace, society, and inspires humanity to expand its consciousness to create Peace on Earth.

*[Handwritten signatures of several senators]*

Done this 2nd day of October 2024  
State Capitol, Honolulu, Hawai'i

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