



Proclamation

Presented to

Gandhi International Institute for Peace

WHEREAS, Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi led the nonviolent independence movement in India and the call for civil rights of Indians in South Africa through peaceful civil disobedience; and

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi inspired human rights movements around the world with his philosophy of passive resistance, *satyagraha*, to achieve political and social progress, seek truth in a spirit of peace and love, and remain firm and resilient in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe the International Day of Non-Violence on October 2 each year; and

WHEREAS, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP), a non-profit organization founded by Dr. Raj Kumar of Oahu on September 11, 2001, aims to provide information, consultation, education and training to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to declare Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day as a special day of remembrance with Act 5, signed into law on April 9, 2015, after a unanimous vote from the Senate and House of Representatives at the 28th Hawai'i State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature passed a resolution in 2016 to establish a sister-state relationship with Goa, India to promote cultural exchange, global education and international peace; and

WHEREAS, the 12th annual GIIP commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 148th birthday, held in Waikiki, Honolulu, welcomed people of all races and religions to enjoy multicultural dances, engage in an interfaith plea for world peace, and advocate nonviolence, equality, justice and freedom;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2017 as

“MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us as we celebrate the legacy of Mahatma Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi; practice tolerance and nonviolence; and “be the change you wish to see in the world.”

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of September 2017.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i