



Proclamation

Presented to

The Gandhi International Institute for Peace

WHEREAS, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhi, was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, India; was an Indian lawyer, politician, social activist, and writer who became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi came to be considered the father of his country, and is internationally esteemed for his doctrine of nonviolent protest, or *satyagraha*, to achieve political and social progress; and

WHEREAS, annually on October 2nd, Gandhi is remembered with a national holiday in India and around the world with the International Day of Non-Violence, established on June 15, 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly, to reaffirm "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence through education and public awareness"; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Gandhi International Institute for Peace is "to provide peace education to children, remove conflicts and hatred among individuals, raise awareness to use humane and non-violent approach with others, provide moral, emotional, behavioral, educational support, and spiritual guidance to unite people of different cultures, faiths, organizations and countries to promote peace on earth"; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to promote public awareness, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace requested the Legislature commemorate Gandhi's birth, which passed Senate Bill 332; and on April 9, 2015, Governor David Y. Ige signed the bill into law (Act 5), designating October 2 of each year as "Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day" in Hawai'i, becoming the first state to do so; and

WHEREAS, the 11th Annual Celebration at the Gandhi statue in Kapi'olani Park will include an interfaith plea for world peace, multicultural dances, and music by the Royal Hawaiian Band;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2016 as

"MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY" & "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi and following his teachings in practicing love, truth, kindness, harmony, non-violence and promoting a culture of peace.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this nineteenth day of September, 2016.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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