



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, better known as Mahatma Gandhi, was born in India on October 2, 1869; and

WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi was the pioneer of the *Satyagraha* movement (passive resistance), calling for the civil rights of Indians in South Africa and India through peaceful demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, Gandhi's nonviolent movement led to the independence of India on August 15, 1947; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations passed a resolution and declared October 2 as International Day of Non-Violence; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Dr. Raj Kumar of O'ahu laid the foundation for the Gandhi International Institute for Peace (GIIP) to provide information, consultation, education and training to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Hawai'i became the first state to officially commemorate Mahatma Gandhi for his methods of nonviolence by declaring Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i understands the importance of cultural understanding and international peace as shown by the establishment of a sister-state relationship with Goa, India and Hawai'i through a State Legislature resolution in 2016; and

WHEREAS, GIIP is celebrating its 13th annual event in Hawai'i to celebrate the 149th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi in Waikiki on October 2, 2018, welcoming people of all races and beliefs 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, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2018 as

"MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi who believed that "nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind" in practicing tolerance and understanding, and taking peaceful and positive action to bring about change.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i