



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born in India on October 2, 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 passed a resolution and declared October 2 as International Day of Nonviolence; and

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

**WHEREAS**, GIIP has organized annual peace conferences and events to support and encourage nonviolence in Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Hawai'i became the first state in the nation to officially declare Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day, better known as Mahatma Gandhi Day, to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's life and works; 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;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2020 as

## **"MAHATMA GANDHI DAY"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the legacy of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, practice tolerance and understanding, and recognize the strength of nonviolence with peaceful and positive actions.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2020.

  
DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i