



The House of Representatives
State of Hawaii

hereby presents this certificate to

**THE GANDHI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PEACE
UPON THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH
MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GANDHI DAY IN HAWAII**

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 which led to the independence of India on August 15, 1947; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, Dr. Raj Kumar of Oahu 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, Hawaii became the first state to officially commemorate Mahatma Gandhi for his methods of nonviolence by declaring Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations passed a resolution and declared October 2 as International Day of Non-Violence and on September 4, 2018 Governor David Y. Ige proclaimed October 2, 2018 as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day; and

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

WHEREAS, GIIP is celebrating its 13th annual event in Hawaii 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; now, therefore,

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii of 2018 hereby extends its gratitude and commendation to the Gandhi International Institute for Peace and asks the people of the Aloha State to join in celebrating the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi in practicing tolerance and understanding, and taking peaceful and positive action to bring about change.

The 29th Legislature, 2018



Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House



Representative Matthew S. LoPresti



Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk