



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of International Day of Nonviolence**

**WHEREAS**, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace's vision is to provide peace education to children; remove conflicts and hatred among individuals; raise awareness to use human and nonviolence approach with others; provide moral, emotional, behavioral and education support; and offer spiritual guidance to unite people from different cultures, faiths, organizations and countries to promote "peace on earth"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace reminds us that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Mahatma ("Great Soul"), Father of the Nation, Bapu ("Father") Gandhiji was born on October 2, 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace raises awareness that the United Nations General Assembly declared October 2<sup>nd</sup> of each year as "International Day of Nonviolence" to recognize Mahatma Gandhi's role in promoting the message of peace, nonviolence, tolerance, and full respect for human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace educates the community about the resolution that was initiated by India and more than 120 assembly members of the United Nations, and adopted on June 15, 2007; since then, the United Nations has encouraged international communities to commemorate the October 2, 1869, birthday of Mahatma Gandhi as an annual event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gandhi International Institute for Peace is organizing its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahatma Gandhi and **International Day of Nonviolence** on October 2, 2013, to commemorate the world's beloved spiritual leader of India and the Indian independence movement;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI**, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i do hereby proclaim October 2, 2013, as

### **"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in celebrating the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and following his teachings of practicing Love, Truth, Kindness, Harmony, Nonviolence and promoting world peace.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September, 2013.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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