
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2 OF EACH YEAR AS THE "INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
NON-VIOLENCE" IN HAWAII IN HONOR OF MAHATMA GANDHI ON HIS
BIRTH DATE.

1 WHEREAS, violence can occur within the family, the
2 workplace, governments, and society and include crimes of hate
3 and passion, racial massacres, and crimes against poor and weak
4 minorities and cultures; and

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6 WHEREAS, many cultures and societies around the world are
7 too quick to resort to violent action to resolve differences or
8 obtain a desired result, which causes too many lives to be hurt
9 or lost; and

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11 WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi believed that the way to resolve
12 conflict is with non-violence; and

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14 WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi urged humankind to make the
15 herculean effort to raise themselves to the next level of human
16 development by embracing and practicing non-violence; and

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18 WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy and strategy for
19 social change reject the use of violence, but at the same time
20 deem non-violent action to be an alternative to passive
21 acceptance of oppression; and

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23 WHEREAS, non-violence should be a way of life, and public
24 awareness of non-violence should be taught and demonstrated at
25 every age level and socio-economic status; and

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27 WHEREAS, observation of an international day of non-
28 violence in Hawaii on the birth date of Mahatma Gandhi on
29 October 2 acknowledges the great works of one of mankind's
30 greatest peace advocates; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
3 House of Representatives concurring, that October 2 of each year
4 be observed in Hawaii as the "International Day of Non-Violence"
5 in honor of Mahatma Gandhi on his birth date; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the International Day of Non-
8 Violence be used to raise awareness of non-violence and reduce
9 psychological and physical violence in all forms and at all
10 levels; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Dr. Martin
14 Luther King Jr. Coalition-Hawaii, Domestic Violence Action
15 Center, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Inclusive Orthodox
16 Church, LOTUS, Central Union Church in Honolulu, Iolani Peace
17 Institute of Honolulu, and Center for Global Nonkilling.

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