

# **SCR 185 / SR 141**

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

Report Title: International Day of Non-Violence

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I wholeheartedly **support** SCR 185 honoring Mahatma Gandhi. While there was much polarization between Hindus and Muslims in British India, Gandhi's non-violence stance did much to diffuse the tension. He was indeed a beacon of light in that tragic period in the sub-continent's history.

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Respected Senate and House Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

I would like to express my **support** for SCR 185 which seeks to have each October designated as "Non-violence and Peace Awareness Month". It is a worthy effort to work towards the general public's welfare, in this case, by bringing attention to an area of special need. Additionally, it might be a nice gesture to acknowledge the work of Mahatama Gandhi in this matter as he has elevated the subject to a world-wide audience. Perhaps one way that may be an acceptable token of acknowledgement would be to designate his October 2nd birthday in some way. Already, each year there is a commemoration by his statue in front of the zoo. As this is not designated as a "public holiday", such a commemoration would not burden the state but would call attention to the modern father of non-violence.

Mahalo,

Eric Bott

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I, John Heidel, offer this testimony in **support** of SCR 185 that would proclaim October 2 as an International Day of Non-violence.

I'm a minister of the United Church of Christ (UCC) and have been in the islands since 1962. I served for 5 years as Minister of Youth at Central Union Church in Honolulu and 32 years as chaplain of Punahou School. I'm the former President of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii and a member of Christ Church, Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians in Kailua.

This observance of the importance of non-violence falls on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. There will be a celebration at Gandhi's statue near the entrance to the Honolulu Zoo when local representatives of Hawaii's political leaders, faith traditions and public schools will increase our community awareness about the possibilities of living in harmony with one another.

Please support this noble and critical effort by passing SCR 185.

Thank you for your consideration.

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I **support** a resolution to honor Oct. 2 as Gandhi's birthday and a day of non-violence, but I believe that a month of non-violence would a better beginning to year round non- violence observance and living.  
Patricia Blair, Kailua  
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I **strongly support** SCR 185 declaring Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, October 2, as an International Day of Non-violence in Hawaii.

The Gahndi International Institute of Peace in Hawaii has made great efforts to utilize the wonderful work of Ghandi to promote peace here and around the world, and it's efforts to name Ghandi's birthday as per SCR 185 is another highly worthwhile effort to use Ghandi's work to continue to promote peace.

Thank you very much for considering my views in this matter.

Aloha,

***Roger H. Epstein***

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Aloha,

I would like to **whole-heartedly endorse** Dr. Raj Kumar's vision of honoring the Peace Makers of the world by declaring October 2nd as an International Day of Non-violence in Hawaii--thus setting an example for the rest of the world of the Aloha State's commitment to fostering World Peace. Please support this endeavor by passing SCR 185. Let's keep our Peace Candle lit in this troubled world, so that others may light theirs as well.

Sincerely,  
Wallen Ellingson  
Musician and Peace Advocate

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Comments: I pledge my hand heart mind body and soul to cement this day in history and promoting peace love and unity

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