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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that violence pervades
2 society and can occur within a family, a workplace, governments,
3 and society. Violence includes crimes of hate and passion,
4 racial massacres, and crimes against poor and weak minorities
5 and cultures. Many cultures and societies around the world are
6 too quick to resort to violent action to resolve differences or
7 obtain desired results, which causes too many lives to be hurt
8 or lost.

9 The legislature further finds that the United Nations
10 General Assembly approved Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, October 2,
11 as an International Day of Nonviolence. Mahatma Gandhi was the
12 ultimate advocate of peace. He believed that the way to resolve
13 all conflict is with nonviolence. He urged humankind to reject
14 violence and embrace nonviolent action as an alternative to
15 passive acceptance of oppression. The Gandhi International
16 Institute for Peace is located in Hawaii and works to honor
17 Mahatma Gandhi by inspiring youth to practice nonviolence.



1 The purpose of this Act is to designate an "International
2 Day of Nonviolence" in Hawaii to honor Mahatma Gandhi's lifelong
3 mission for peace, and to promote nonviolence and raise public
4 awareness of nonviolence practices within all of Hawaii's
5 communities.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
7 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
8 read as follows:

9 "§8- International day of nonviolence. October 2 of
10 each year shall be known and designated as the "International
11 Day of Nonviolence", in honor of Mahatma Gandhi on his birth
12 date, to promote nonviolence programs, reduce psychological and
13 physical violence, and increase educational awareness of
14 nonviolence; provided that this day is not and shall not be
15 construed to be a state holiday."

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

International Day of Nonviolence; Designation

Description:

Designates October 2 of each year as the International Day of Nonviolence.

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