

## ACT 5

S.B. NO. 332

A Bill for an Act Relating to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, also known as “Mahatma”, was born on October 2, 1869. He was the leader of Indian nationalism in British-ruled India and led India to independence through the use of non-violent civil disobedience, inspiring various political leaders and civil rights movements across the world.

Throughout the world, Gandhi is admired for his nonviolent philosophy of passive resistance. He is commemorated on October 2 with a national holiday in India and world-wide with the International Day of Nonviolence.

The purpose of this Act is to remember Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi for his inspiration, tolerance, and enduring legacy by designating October 2 of each year as Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day in Hawaii.

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

“§8- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day. October 2 of each year shall be known and designated as “Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi Day”; provided that this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state holiday.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved April 9, 2015.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.