## TOWN OF PEMBROKE PARK PROCLAMATION



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE

WHEREAS: the Town of Pembroke Park recognizes Mahatma "Gandhi"

**WHEREAS**: Mahatma Gandhi, known in India as "the father of the nation," was born 150 years ago today, on October 2, 1869. His birthday is a major national holiday called Gandhi Jayanti, and it is marked with a prayer for peace, ceremonies and events throughout the country.

**WHEREAS:** The United Nations has also declared October 2 as the International Day of Nonviolence to honor Gandhi's message.

**WHEREAS**: Gandhi was born Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi – he wasn't known as the title Mahatma, which translates to "Great Soul," until 1914. He was a lawyer, politician, social activist, an icon for peace and writer.

**WHEREAS:** He became the leader of the nationalist movement against the British rule of India through his non-violent approach. Then, shortly after India gained independence, Gandhi was assassinated on January 30, 1948.

**WHEREAS:** Gandhi inspired the thinking of many world leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandella and former President Barack Obama for his peaceful methods of protest.

**WHEREAS:** October 2<sup>nd</sup> is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence...through education and public awareness...and reaffirm the desire for a culture of peace, tolerance, diversity, inclusion, understanding and non-violence"

**AND** urge all residents of the Town of Pembroke Park to take the time and honor achievements of Mahatma Gandhi and the International Day of Non-Violence in every endeavor throughout history.

**NOW, THEREFORE WE,** Mayor Ashira Mohammed, Vice Mayor Erik Morrissette, Clerk Commissioner William R. Hodgkins, Acting Clerk Commissioner Musfika Kashem and Commissioner Geoffrey Jacobs by virtue of the authority vested by the Town of Pembroke Park do hereby proclaim designate October 2nd, 2023 as "International Day of Non-Violence" and October 2nd as Gandhi day in the Town of Pembroke Park, Florida

Dated this 2nd day of October 2023.

Mayor Ashira Mohammed

Vice Mayor Erik Morrissette

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Clerk Commissioner William R. Hodgkins

Acting Clerk Commissioner Musfika Kashem

Commissioner Geoffrey Jacobs