



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Conflict Resolution Day

WHEREAS, conflict resolution benefits families, schools, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system by ensuring public access to justice; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution is taught and practiced throughout Hawai'i's public, private and non-profit sectors, including education, healthcare, business, real estate, construction, shipping and our judicial system; and

WHEREAS, effective conflict resolution leads to increased understanding, better group cohesion and improved self-knowledge; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, groups and communities by fostering communication and solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, a Kailua community group successfully and professionally defined and implemented their action plan for homeless issues in their neighborhood through conflict resolution at community meetings; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, ho'oponopono (to make right), arbitration, conciliation, coaching, facilitation of dialogue and decision-making, and other cooperative responses to differences; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution can reduce legal costs, speed up settlements, gives control to the parties involved and result in practical solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Conflict Resolution-Hawai'i Chapter joins its partners—the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Hawai'i State Bar Association's ADR Section; Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution; and Mediation Centers of Hawai'i (Mediation Center of the Pacific, Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, Maui Mediation Services, Kaua'i Economic Opportunity, Inc. Mediation Program, and West Hawai'i Mediation Center), and private mediators, arbitrators, facilitators, and lawyers—in promoting awareness of conflict resolution processes as a peaceful means of resolving conflicts;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2018 as

“CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to learn more about alternative dispute resolution practices, work together to solve problems, and apply them to our daily lives to promote peaceful and creative solutions to conflicts.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twentieth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i