



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Conflict Resolution Day 2017

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses the practice of Ho'oponopono (to make right), mediation, arbitration and negotiation; and

WHEREAS, these alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes empower individuals, groups, and communities to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution is beneficial to families, schools, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system, extending public access to justice; and

WHEREAS, the use of ADR over litigation can reduce legal costs, speed up settlements, gives control to the parties involved and result in practical solutions; and

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

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution joins its partners – the Hawai'i State Bar Association-ADR Section, Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Mediation Centers of Hawai'i, and Association for Conflict Resolution, Hawai'i – in promoting awareness of ADR processes as a peaceful means of resolving conflicts; and

WHEREAS, listening actively, working together to solve problems, talking to each other instead of fighting, being an ally to others, and appreciating each other's differences are valuable skills in conflict resolution and for our keiki's education and personal growth;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2017 as

“CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY”

in Hawai'i and encourage everyone to learn more about conflict resolution practices and apply them to their daily lives to promote peaceful and creative solutions to disputes, and join us in recognizing the work and contributions of ADR professionals throughout the State.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of October 2017.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i



SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i