

C O U N T Y O F H A W A I ' I

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, arbitration, facilitation, collective decision-making and other responses to differences; and

*WHEREAS*, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities and organizations to communicate and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

*WHEREAS*, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by students and adults of all ages in many school systems, business establishments and non-profit organizations throughout Hawai'i and the world as a way to resolve disputes; and

*WHEREAS*, throughout Polynesia, a traditional conflict resolution practice (known as Ho'oponopono in Hawai'i) has long been regarded as a fundamental process for individuals, families and communities to reunite peacefully and heal after suffering divisive and damaging events; and

*WHEREAS*, Conflict Resolution Day 2014 will be celebrated around the world on October 16<sup>th</sup> to promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other peaceful means of resolving disagreements and will encourage the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, government and the legal system; and

*WHEREAS*, ACRHawaii, Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, and West Hawai'i Mediation Center will be celebrating Conflict Resolution Day 2014 by highlighting and recognizing the significant contributions of Hawai'i Island's peaceful conflict resolvers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILLY KENOI, Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2014, as

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY**

in the County of Hawai'i, and urge all citizens to learn and embrace conflict resolution practices in order to apply them in their daily lives, and encourage and promote peaceful and creative solutions to disruptive disputes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused The Seal of the County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Billy Kenoi".

Billy Kenoi  
MAYOR