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

WHEREAS, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations and businesses in ways that foster communication 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 of resolving disputes; and

WHEREAS, ACRHawaii is partnering with Maui Mediation Center to celebrate Conflict Resolution Day 2014 to promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other peaceful means of resolving conflicts; encourage the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, government and the legal system; and recognize the significant contributions of peaceful conflict resolvers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. ARAKAWA, Mayor of the County of Maui, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2014 as

## **CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY**

in the County of Maui and encourage all residents to learn more about conflict resolution practices, and to apply them in their daily lives to promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand caused the seal of the County of Maui to be affixed hereto.

DONE at Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA

Mayor, County of Maui