## **Council of the City and County of Honolulu**

## Certificate

Congratulating and Recognizing

The Association for Conflict Resolution – Hawaii Chapter Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution HSBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation Center of the Pacific

In Recognition of October 16<sup>h</sup>, 2014 as CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

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

WHEREAS, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations and businesses to 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 Hawaii and the world as a way of resolving disputes; and

WHEREAS, Conflict Resolution Day was conceived in 2005 by the Association for Conflict Resolution to raise awareness of various peaceful methods of resolving conflict in our communities, schools and homes; 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 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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Honolulu City Council, on behalf of the people of the City and County of Honolulu, recognizes October 16, 2014 as CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY 2014 and encourages all residents to learn more about conflict resolution practices to promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Honolulu City Council thanks the Association for Conflict Resolution-Hawaii Chapter; Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution; HSBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; and the Mediation Center of the Pacific for their continued efforts in promoting peaceful means of resolving differences. Further, the Council extends its best wishes in all their future endeavors.

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