



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, conflict is defined as any situation in which incompatible goals, attitudes, emotions, or behaviors lead to a disagreement or opposition between two or more individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, although conflicts often damage personal and professional relationships, functional conflict may create positive benefits to individuals and groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Conflict Resolution Day was conceived in 2005 by the Association of Conflict Resolution (ACR) to promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation, and other creative means of resolving conflict in our communities, schools, and homes; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution processes empower people to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

**WHEREAS**, Conflict Resolution Day 2014 will be celebrated internationally on October 16, 2014, to promote awareness of the tools that create open and honest communication, and stimulate new ideas, cohesion, and mutual trust; and

**WHEREAS**, Honolulu joins conflict resolution partners Association for Conflict Resolution Hawaii Chapter, Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution, Mediation Center of the Pacific, HSBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, and the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution in celebrating this event; and

**WHEREAS**, this celebration encourages conflict resolution practices in schools, businesses, communities, organizations, government offices, and the legal system,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIRK CALDWELL**, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2014, to be

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

and I encourage everyone to learn more about conflict resolution practices to promote harmony and create solutions that bring people together, and I thank peaceful conflict resolvers for facilitating this event.



Done this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014,  
in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

KIRK CALDWELL