



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 2015 will be celebrated internationally on October 15, 2015, 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 (ACR Hawaii), Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (MIPCR), Mediation Center of the Pacific (MCP), HSBA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section (HSBA/ADR), and Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution (CADR) in celebrating Conflict Resolution Day; 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 15, 2015, 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 15th day of October, 2015,
in Honolulu, Hawaii.



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

KIRK CALDWELL