

COUNTY OF HAWAII

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 2015 will be celebrated around the world on October 15th 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 2015 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 15, 2015, 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 1st day of October, 2015 in Hilo, Hawai'i.



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

Billy Kenoi
MAYOR