

HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY

RESOLUTION CONCERNING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND THE CONCEPT OF *PONO KAULIKE*

WHEREAS, at the request of Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon, judges and administrators throughout the State met over the past two years to discuss restorative justice, including its definition, advantages, and disadvantages, and the relationship of restorative justice to current programs and initiatives in the Hawai'i State Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Judiciary already supports successful programs and initiatives that embody the principles of restorative justice, and these programs and initiatives have a daily positive impact on parties, families, and community members who come into contact with Hawai'i courts; and

WHEREAS, by bringing people with legal problems together in the courts or Judiciary administrative programs and providing them with realistic alternatives, the Hawai'i State Judiciary is meeting its mission of resolving disputes in a fair, timely, and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Judiciary values and is committed to promoting a justice system that balances the needs of all parties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hawai'i State Judiciary shall continue to act in accordance with the principles of Restorative Justice and the concept of *Pono Kaulike*, signifying a dedication to Equal Rights and Justice for All, and shall, in conformity with governing law, attempt to deliver services and resolve disputes in a balanced manner that provides attention to all participants in the justice system including parties, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and other community members who are active participants in the justice system.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, October 10, 2000.



RONALD T. Y. MOON
Chief Justice