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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

DATE: Monday, April 06, 2009
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street

A G E N D A

The purpose of this informational briefing is to focus on violence in Hawaii and to discuss options to effectively address criminal violence with awareness and education projects in Hawaii. The Victory Over Violence movement and its efforts are aimed at reducing violence in communities around the world. The origins of the Victory Over Violence Movement will be discussed as well as the significance of the "Non-Violence" sculpture.

On March 30, 2009 the House Committee on Human Services passed HCR243, REQUESTING THE STATE CAPITOL TO HOUSE THE NONVIOLENCE SCULPTURE. The Non-Violence sculpture is a symbol of peace and has been installed at the United Nations Plaza in New York, the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee in Switzerland, and at the Waterfront in Cape Town, South Africa.

The following organizations or individuals have been invited to participate:

Danny Hall, from Soka Gakkai International U.S.A. (SGI); and

A representative from the Victory Over Violence peace movement; and

The Executive Director of the Non-Violence Project or her designee; and

Dennis A. Arakaki, Executive Director Hawaii Family Forum; and

Karen Jensen, Peace Advocate; and

Edwin Flores, Hawaii Family Law Clinic, DBA, Ala Kuola; and

Jonathan R. Won, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii; and

Other supporters of the "Non-Violence" Peace Sculpture.

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Rep. John M. Mizuno
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