



**“I BELIEVE THAT ONLY IN A COUNTRY IN WHICH  
WE CAN APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES OF RACE AND RELIGION  
AND ETHNICITY, WHILE STILL INSISTING ON OUR COMMON HUMANITY,  
WILL MY OWN SOUL FEEL RESTED.”**

**President Barack Obama,**  
*from a 1999 essay about race and growing up in Hawai‘i*