

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, federal, state, regional, and local governments have an interest in promoting improved communication and the use of mediation to settle a wide range of disputes; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington actively promotes the use of community-based dispute resolution centers by residents through legislation and funding; and

WHEREAS, over 100,000 state residents are served annually by community-based mediators to resolve conflicts between family members, neighbors, tenants, landlords, merchants, consumers, employees, employers, civic organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, mediation is a uniquely effective means of settling disputes, as attested to by an 87 percent agreement rate among participants; and

WHEREAS, jurisdictions and taxpayers in the state of Washington save millions of dollars annually in district and superior court costs for cases that have been settled by community-based mediation centers rather than court hearings; and

WHEREAS, conflict prevention via training and conflict resolution via the mediation process increase Washington residents' quality of life and their opportunity to experience civic harmony; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October has been designated as International Conflict Resolution Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as

Community Conflict Resolution Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 11th day of September, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee