

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, federal, state, regional and local governments have an interest in promoting civility, 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 citizens through legislation and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone in the state of Washington has access to a community- mediation center in their region 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 86% of situations being improved as reported by participants; and

**WHEREAS**, jurisdictions and taxpayers in the state of Washington save significant resources in time and money annually with district and superior court 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 increases 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 2019 as

### ***Community Conflict Resolution Month***

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



Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee