

THURSTON COUNTY

Proclamation

October – Community Conflict Resolution Month

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, Thurston County actively promotes the use of their community-based dispute resolution center by citizens through court rules and funding; and

WHEREAS, anyone in Thurston County has access to their community-based mediation center 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 87% of situations being improved as reported by participants; and

WHEREAS, community mediation centers save jurisdictions and taxpayers in Thurston County significant resources in time and money annually with District and Superior Court cases that have been settled in mediation rather than in court; and

WHEREAS, conflict prevention via training for adults and youth and conflict resolution via the mediation process increases the quality of life and opportunity to experience civic harmony for all residents of Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October has been designated as International Conflict Resolution Day for the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as Community Conflict Resolution Month by the State of Washington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Thurston County Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of October as Community Conflict Resolution Month.

ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2019

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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