

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 City of Olympia promotes the use of their community-based dispute resolution center by citizens; and

WHEREAS anyone in the City of Olympia 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 Olympia significant resources in time and money annually with Thurston County 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 the City of Olympia;

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 and Thurston County for the past several years; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of October as

COMMUNITY CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 15th DAY OF 2019.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*