

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, local, regional, state and federal 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 actively promotes the use of its community-based dispute resolution center by citizens through referral and collaboration; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of residents of the City of Olympia are served annually by the Dispute Resolution Center to resolve conflicts between neighbors, family members, tenants, landlords, merchants, consumers, employees, employers, civic organizations, and government agencies, via participating in training, calling the resource line, requesting conciliation or participating in mediation; 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, jurisdictions and taxpayers throughout the State save millions of dollars annually in Municipal, 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 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; and*

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

*WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as Civility & Conflict Resolution Month by the Governor of the State of Washington, as well as the Commissioners of Thurston County; and*

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

**CIVILITY & CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF 2018.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

**Cheryl Selby  
Mayor**