

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, federal, state, regional and local governments have an interest in promoting civility, understanding, improved communication and conflict resolution via the use of facilitation, training, conciliation, and mediation; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington actively promotes the use of and access to community-based dispute resolution centers by community members and organizations 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, schools, civic organizations, and government agencies; and

WHEREAS, community mediation centers increase access to justice for traditionally underserved populations; and

WHEREAS, community mediation centers save jurisdictions and taxpayers in Washington significant resources in time and money annually with district and superior court cases that have been settled by community mediation centers rather than in court; and

WHEREAS, conflict prevention training for adults and youth and conflict resolution through the mediation process increases the quality of life and opportunity to achieve civic harmony for all Washingtonians; and

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


NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

Community Conflict Resolution Month

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



Signed this 5th day of September 2023


Governor Jay Inslee