



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Conflict resolution approaches are crucial for reducing toxic polarization, strengthening civic health, and creating an inclusive state for all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in recognizing and promoting alternative dispute resolution options and in developing restorative justice approaches; and
- WHEREAS: Mediation is taught and practiced in Minnesota's colleges, universities, and law schools, not only as a way of solving individual disputes but also as a means toward a more peaceful society; and
- WHEREAS: Community-based conflict resolution programs throughout Minnesota aid thousands of individuals and groups in resolving neighborhood and community conflicts; and
- WHEREAS: Families use mediation and other dispute resolution processes to successfully resolve challenges related to issues such as the dissolution of marriage, elder law, and caring for children and youth; and
- WHEREAS: Communities and leaders across Minnesota have knowledge and experience in resolving disputes in culturally appropriate ways. Conflict resolution practitioners consider diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work; and
- WHEREAS: State, local, and tribal governments in Minnesota use conflict resolution processes to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes and strengthen collaboration within their governments and with the people they serve; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Bar Association recognizes the importance of dispute resolution alternatives through its Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Legislature created the Office of Collaboration and Dispute Resolution to support the state's dispute resolution needs and build Minnesotans' capacity to address conflict effectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 15-21, 2023, as:

CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 13th day of October.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.
SECRETARY OF STATE