STATE OF MICHIGAN

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a special privilege to recognize October 17, 2013 as Conflict Resolution Day in Michigan. We encourage all citizens to acknowledge the value of alternative dispute resolution methods and to support the availability and use of alternative dispute resolution services throughout Michigan.

They have provided affordable dispute resolution services to the citizens, schools and businesses of Michigan. We thank the professionals and volunteers serving as mediators, facilitators and conciliators in a variety of situations, resulting in less time and expense to reach mutually satisfactory solutions.

Michigan Public Act 260 of 1988, known as the Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the establishment of Community Dispute Resolution Centers throughout Michigan under the oversight and administration of the Michigan Supreme Court. The State Court Administrative Office's Office of Dispute Resolution oversees 19 centers throughout the state, which provide alternative dispute resolution services, including mediation, arbitration, facilitation, restorative practices, collaborative decision making, and other responses to conflict for Michigan citizens, schools and businesses.

The conflict resolution process empowers individuals, families, communities, organizations, and business to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved. It is taught and practiced by citizens in many school systems, community colleges, universities, law schools and graduate programs, throughout Michigan and the world, as a way of solving disputes and also as a means toward achieving a more peaceful society.

We recognize the Community Dispute Resolution Centers for providing opportunities to increase public understanding of peaceful and constructive ways to resolve interpersonal and intergroup conflicts. Community based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships and relieving the parties and the courts of costly litigation.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to commemorate Conflict Resolution Day in Michigan. We offer our best wishes to everyone who has worked to ensure this success.

Rick Jones, State Senator
The Twenty-Fourth District
Senate Judiciary Committee, Chair

Rick Snyder
Governor

The Ninety-Sixth Legislature
At Lansing
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