



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota is a national leader in recognizing and promoting dispute resolution options as alternatives to litigation; and
- WHEREAS: Mediation and conflict resolution are taught and practiced at many Minnesota higher education institutions as a way to solve individual disputes and a means toward building a more peaceful society; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota encourages individuals to devise peaceful solutions to their conflicts. To this end, community-based conflict resolution programs throughout the state are assisting individuals and groups to resolve conflicts peacefully; and
- WHEREAS: Administrative agencies in Minnesota are using conflict resolution processes to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes both internally and externally; and
- WHEREAS: Families have successfully used mediation and other dispute resolution processes to resolve issues related to dissolution of marriage, elder law, and parenting; and
- WHEREAS: Conflict Resolution Week is an opportunity for Minnesotans to celebrate the role of conflict resolution alternatives in our communities, schools, businesses, and courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14 – 20, 2013, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE