

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, restorative processes and other dialogue focused approaches to responding to differences; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations, and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are responsive to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by many citizens in school systems, universities, and graduate programs throughout Vermont and the world as a way of solving disputes; and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont is a nationally recognized leader in the development of community based restorative justice and services to victims, and

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, professional associations of conflict processing specialists promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes, and

**WHEREAS**, Vermont's reputation for working across partisan lines to get things done has had a very real impact on health, education, and economic prosperity throughout the state;

**WHEREAS**, the Vermont Judiciary has been a long time supporter of conflict resolution processes;

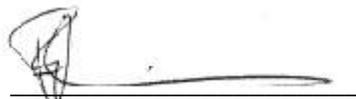
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 19 day of September, A.D. 2013.



  
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Peter Shumlin  
Governor