

**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;

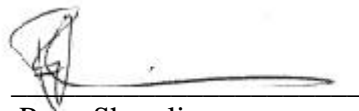
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as

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.


Peter Shumlin
Governor