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CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

Conflict Resolution Day was first recognized by the Association for Conflict Resolution in 2005 to promote awareness of conciliation, mediation, arbitration and other creative approaches to mitigating and resolving conflict. Conflict Resolution Day is also an opportunity to promote the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system, as well as recognize the significant contributions of conflict resolution practitioners.

Organizations such as the Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) Education Foundation teach peer mediation in schools so that students learn mediation and conflict resolution skills at an early age. SCMA also provides resources for the public to learn more about mediation and locate skilled mediators.

Given the polarization and vitriol that has increasingly characterized local and national conversations around sensitive topics, there is great value in recognizing the importance of developing skills early on to de-escalate and resolve conflict.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS proclaim October 20, 2016 as “Conflict Resolution Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles to increase public understanding of peaceful and constructive ways to resolve interpersonal and intergroup conflicts of all types and in a variety of settings.

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