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Mediation Week in Los Angeles County

In 1988, Los Angeles County became the first County in the State to fund local dispute resolution programs under the California Dispute Resolution Programs Act. These programs have become a valuable service to the public and the courts by providing an alternative means for settling disputes. Over the past five years, trained volunteer mediators helped resolve nearly 40,000 disputes, without the added stress, time, and money that often accompany an antagonistic, and costlier formal court process. Using figures provided by Los Angeles Superior Court, savings in court costs each year have been estimated at \$45 million. These results have been achieved despite very limited available funding. I encourage all County Departments, residents, municipalities, businesses, and organizations to utilize these mediation services as an alternative to formal court proceedings and as a peaceful method to resolving disputes.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Declare the week of April 8 - 12, 2019 as Mediation Week in Los Angeles County; and
2. Commend the eight non-profit organizations and three public entity Dispute Resolution Program (DRP) service providers, volunteers, and staff for their participation in the program; and
3. Encourage all County Departments and County residents to utilize the process of mediation and other DRP services to resolve departmental and public disputes.

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