

CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015**PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, conflict resolution is a way of people solving individual disputes, as well as a means toward creating a more peaceful community, and

Whereas, our citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve conflicts on their own, and

Whereas, the conflict resolution process empowers all individuals, families, communities, schools, business, and organizations to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all the parties involved, and

Whereas, Michigan Public Act 260 of 1988, known as Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the establishment of Community Dispute Resolution Program Centers throughout the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office provides support to eighteen community resolution centers together as the Michigan Community Dispute Resolution Program Centers' Association, which provide trained mediators to assist in conflict resolution, and

Whereas, community based volunteers and professional partners, trained in conflict resolution, are the backbones of this program. These trained mediators provide mediation, facilitation, and conciliation when asked by their peers or ordered by the court, and

Whereas, these volunteers and professionals, serving as mediators, provide low-cost, quality services that can strengthen and restore relationships by relieving parties and courts of costly litigation, resulting in less time involved to reach a mutually satisfactory solution rather than an order imposed on them by a third party, and

Whereas, the third Thursday in October is set aside as **National Conflict Resolution Day** in recognition of the mediation process and to increase public awareness of constructive way to resolve interpersonal and intergroup conflicts of any type, and

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that I, *Terry Walters*, Chair of the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Thursday, October 15, 2015, as:

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in the County of Gladwin. I encourage all citizens to acknowledge the value of conflict resolution through mediation, facilitation, and conciliation and encourage use of this form of dispute resolution and to get involved in support of their local Community Dispute Resolution Program Center.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Gladwin to be affixed this 22nd day of September in the of our Lord two thousand and fifteen.

Laura Brandon-Maveal
Gladwin County Clerk

9-22-2015