

PROCLAMATION
MEDIATION WEEK - OCTOBER 14-20, 2018
CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY - OCTOBER 18, 2018

WHEREAS, during the past few decades, the field of alternative dispute resolution has grown tremendously, and the state of Florida is nationally recognized as a pioneer and leader in promoting alternative dispute resolution and mediation in particular, and;

WHEREAS, in 2011, the American Bar Association declared the third week of October as Mediation Week to recognize the utilization of mediation as one of several appropriate dispute resolution processes, and;

WHEREAS, mediation empowers individuals to take control of their lives and devise solutions to conflicts which are tailored to their particular needs, and;

WHEREAS, through their concentrated expertise in helping parties find lasting solutions to complex problems, mediators and other dispute resolution practitioners have continually demonstrated the value of the field of alternative dispute resolution, and;

WHEREAS, mediation along with the principles and practices that it embodies, can be a crucial tool for peacemaking between individuals, groups, units, neighborhoods, as well as governments, and our region continues to be a leader in those efforts, and;


WHEREAS, Palm Beach County extends its appreciation to the members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association for their efforts to promote alternative dispute resolution throughout the County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Palm Beach County do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018 as *Mediation Week* and October 18, 2018 as *Conflict Resolution Day*.

Done this seventeenth day of October, two thousand eighteen, in West Palm Beach, Florida.



Chuck Shaw, Chairman



Donald E. Fennoy II, Superintendent

