

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**THE PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT, FLORIDA,**  
**DECLARING OCTOBER 14-20, 2018 AS MEDIATION WEEK**

**Whereas,** The Palm Beach County Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee seeks to promote to lawyers, the judiciary and the public, the use and value of alternative dispute resolution processes. These processes help parties resolve disputes without a trial in a less costly and more timely and satisfying manner; 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,** mediators and other dispute resolution practitioners, through their concentrated expertise in helping parties find lasting solutions to complex problems, have continually demonstrated the value of the field of alternative dispute resolution; and

**Whereas,** mediation practices and skills are being applied in the workplace by leaders, managers and supervisors who have embraced the power and efficiency of open communication and collaborative problem solving; 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,** professional associations of conflict resolvers are promoting the peaceful and creative resolution of disputes; and

**Whereas,** The Port of Palm Beach District extends its appreciation to the members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and especially to the members of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for its effort to promote alternative conflict resolutions throughout Palm Beach County.

Subscribed to this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018

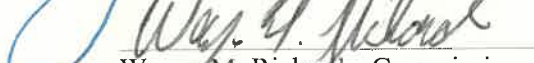
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