State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the Empire State recognizes the value of initiatives that seek to mitigate the conflicts and disputes which are a part of daily life and, in recent years, there has been growing recognition that many disputes can be resolved effectively through mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes; and

Whereas, beyond the solutions offered by the judicial system, mediation is a powerful problem-solving tool for all kinds of conflicts, from family disputes, to community disputes, to multimillion dollar business-related disputes; and

Whereas, an effective tool for resolving disputes, mediation can be a cost-saving and efficient approach in which a trained, impartial mediator helps parties negotiate and reach a settlement by finding a mutually acceptable agreement; and

Whereas, New York State is at the forefront of nationwide efforts to assist in the resolution of conflicts through such alternative methods as mediation and there currently exist a number of programs that train individuals providing conflict resolution services, and others that provide information, education, and resources for parties; and

Whereas, on October 18, 2012, the New York State Unified Court System, in conjunction with a coalition of over 100 alternative dispute resolution organizations, will sponsor the annual observance of Mediation Settlement Day as a means by which to raise awareness of the many benefits of mediation, and to educate potential parties and attorneys about the process and wealth of resources available to them; and

Whereas, by encouraging parties to try mediation first and by reinforcing its value and effectiveness, this observance further promotes the practical, prudent, and constructive purposes that the mediation process serves and it is fitting that New York State joins to recognize the positive impact that mediation programs can have as a viable alternative method of dispute resolution;

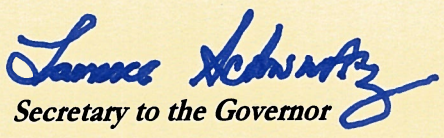
Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2012 as

MEDIATION SETTLEMENT DAY

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this second day of October in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor



Secretary to the Governor