

Conflict Resolution Day
Thursday, October 21, 2021
Community Mediation Services

Proclamation

RESOLUTION #21-23

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, businesses, 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 the Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the establishment of Community Dispute Resolution Centers throughout the state of Michigan, and

Whereas, the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office oversees eighteen community resolution centers, which provide trained volunteer mediators to assist in conflict resolution and

Whereas, *Community Mediation Services* is a center serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle and

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

Whereas, these volunteers, serving as mediators, provide affordable, quality service 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 Conflict Resolution Day in recognition of the mediation process and these volunteers and to increase public awareness of constructive ways to resolve conflicts of any type, and

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim, **Thursday, October 21, 2021**, as Conflict Resolution Day in Alpena County, Michigan. We encourage all citizens to acknowledge the value of conflict resolution thru mediation, facilitation, and conciliation and encourage use of this form of dispute resolution and to get involved and to support their local Conflict Resolution Center.