



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, mediation, arbitration, neutral evaluation, collaborative practice, restorative justice, and many other processes fall under the umbrella of conflict resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, each year thousands of disputes between individuals, corporations, small businesses, government agencies, and others are resolved through a variety of conflict resolution processes both prior to and after the initiation of a court proceeding; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly has codified conflict resolution programs for use in the district and superior courts of North Carolina; in matters before the clerks of North Carolina; in cases before the North Carolina Industrial Commission, the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings, and other state agencies; and in pre-litigation disputes regarding public records and farm nuisances; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's three federal district courts have adopted dispute resolution procedures in cases that come before those courts, and promulgated rules to implement these programs; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has a rich, decades-long history of success in the conflict resolution efforts of dozens of volunteer mediators at more than twenty community mediation centers across our great state; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 25 years, mediators and other dispute resolution practitioners, through their significant expertise in helping disputants reach durable agreements, have demonstrated the value of alternatives to litigation for resolving conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution processes can foster communication, enhance relationships, potentially save parties' time and expenses of prolonged litigation, and increase the efficiency of our courts, thereby conserving taxpayer dollars;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 – 21, 2017, as **"CONFLICT RESOLUTION WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.