



Chuck Huckelberry
Pima County Administrator
130 W Congress St, 10th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

August 26, 2017

Re: Conflict Resolution Day 2017

Dear Mr. Huckelberry,

I am writing to request your consideration of a request for a county-wide proclamation of Conflict Resolution Day, which is on October 19, 2017.

Conflict Resolution Day is recognized nationally and provides an opportunity for the entire country to devote at least one day each year to increasing public understanding of peaceful and constructive ways to resolve interpersonal and intergroup conflicts of all types and in all settings - certainly a worthy goal for all of us and one that I'm sure the county endorses.

This year, Our Family Services' Center for Community Dialogue will be offering free talks explaining the neurobiology of conflict, and opportunities to "Talk to a Mediator" at co-hosted events around town during the week of Oct. 15-21.

As you may know, for 40 years the Center for Community Dialogue's mediation program has been providing Tucson and Southern Arizona with safe, neutral, voluntary dialogue processes that enable the cooperative resolution of neighbor, workplace, family, and community conflicts.

Because conflict resolution is so important to the well-being of our citizens, I am asking that Pima County consider an official proclamation that October 19, 2017 is Conflict Resolution Day in Pima County. I have enclosed sample language that might be considered for an official proclamation and I am happy to provide more information as needed.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request that will signal to Southern Arizonans the importance of resolving conflict in a collaborative and constructive manner, and raise awareness of the resources Tucson offers to achieve this valuable goal.

Sincerely,

Catherine Tornbom, Manager, Center for Community Dialogue and Training

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cc Julie C

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 19, 2017 will be celebrated both nationally and internationally as Conflict Resolution Day; and

WHEREAS, cooperative conflict resolution encompasses mediation, restorative practices, facilitation, collaborative decision making, dialogue circles, and other respectful responses to differences; and

WHEREAS, cooperative conflict resolution empowers individuals, families, communities, neighborhoods, organizations, schools, courts, and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, Pima County has a long history of recognizing and promoting cooperative conflict resolution as an alternative to litigation and as a way to create, repair, and strengthen relationships; and

WHEREAS, Tucson administrative agencies and court programs use mediation to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes, Tucson schools teach and practice mediation as a way of fostering a more peaceful society and community-based organizations strengthen relationships by facilitating peaceful dialogue among diverse populations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims Thursday, October 19, 2017 to be:

“CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY”

and encourages Southern Arizonans to seek peaceful and collaborative resolutions to conflicts as part of making our country an exceptional, world-class community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October 2017.

The Honorable Sharon Bronson, Chair
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Julie Castañeda, Clerk
Pima County Board of Supervisors