



Joint Proclamation

Whereas federal, state, regional, and local governments have an interest in promoting improved communication and the use of a variety of creative and collaborative dispute resolution processes to settle a wide range of conflicts; and

Whereas Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham actively promote the use of our community-based dispute resolution center by residents through legislation and funding; and

Whereas thousands of community members are served annually by community-based mediators to settle conflicts between family members, neighbors, friends, tenants, landlords, merchants, consumers, employees, employers, civic organizations, and government agencies; and

Whereas taxpayers in Whatcom County save precious resources in District and Superior court costs for cases that have been settled proactively through mediation rather than court hearings; and

Whereas conflict prevention via training and education, and conflict intervention via mediation, conflict coaching, facilitation, supervised visitation, and restorative practices increases the quality of life and opportunity to experience civic harmony for all residents of Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham, and;


Whereas the third Thursday in October has been designated as International Conflict Resolution Day, and;

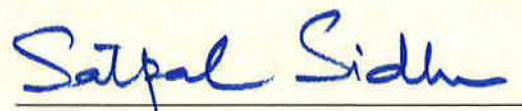
Now, Therefore, Do We, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim October 2021 to be

Community Conflict Resolution Month

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all people in our community to join in this special observance.

Signed this 21 day of September, 2021


Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Satpal S. Sidhu, County Executive
County of Whatcom

