



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the month of October is celebrated across the state as National Conflict Resolution Month, and October 18, 2012, will be celebrated nationally and internationally as Conflict Resolution Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins, in conjunction with other local entities, is recognizing this celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, restorative practices, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, and other responses to differences, and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Collins provides conflict resolution services to the community through the Community Mediation Program and Restorative Justice Services; and

**WHEREAS**, community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby repairing, creating, and strengthening relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, I, along with the entire City Council, encourage Fort Collins residents to seek peaceful and collaborative resolutions to conflicts and hence contribute to creating an exceptional, world-class community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2012.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk