



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the month of October is celebrated across the state as National Conflict Resolution Month, and October 20, 2011, will be celebrated nationally and internationally as Conflict Resolution Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Weitkunat, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

and 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 4th day of October, A.D. 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk