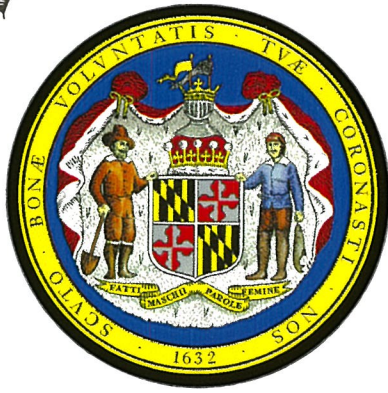


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY OCTOBER 17, 2019

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is recognized as a national leader in advancing the appropriate use of mediation and other alternative dispute resolution processes in courts, communities, schools, state and local government agencies, criminal and juvenile justice programs, family services, and businesses; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland strives to make alternative dispute resolution processes available to its citizens through state agencies, courts, community mediation centers and schools. Mediation empowers people in conflict to develop solutions that are tailored to suit their particular needs. Community mediation centers are easily accessible throughout Maryland to assist residents in resolving neighborhood conflicts and thereby strengthen their communities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *The Maryland Judiciary's Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office (MACRO) works to increase public awareness and promote the appropriate use of conflict resolution services in every area of society, and assists many government agencies' conflict resolution efforts; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland government agencies use alternative dispute resolution processes including mediation, settlement conferences, community conferencing, collaborative problem solving and collaborative planning to enhance responsive and participatory governance. Mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution are of great value and importance, and contribute to creating a more civil and peaceful society for the citizens of Maryland.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim **OCTOBER 17, 2019** as **CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY** in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 17th day of October
Two Thousand and nineteen

Lawrence J. Hogan
Governor

Robert K. Lutherford
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State