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SENATE RESOLUTION 26-004

101 CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2026 AS CONFLICT
102 RESOLUTION MONTH IN COLORADO.

1 WHEREAS, Conflict resolution encompasses many forms of
2 responses to differences, such as mediation, arbitration, facilitation,
3 collaborative decision-making, ombudsperson activities, and restorative
4 justice practices; and

5 WHEREAS, These conflict resolution processes empower
6 individuals, families, communities, organizations, and businesses to foster
7 communication and design solutions that are acceptable and responsive
8 to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

9 WHEREAS, Conflict resolution is taught and practiced by
10 professionals in many school systems and universities throughout
11 Colorado and the world as a peaceful, nonviolent way of resolving
12 disputes; and

13 WHEREAS, Community-based conflict transformation programs
14 work to strengthen local relationships by fairly and equitably resolving
15 neighborhood and community conflicts and opening dialogues grounded

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1 in reason and mutual dignity and respect; and

2 WHEREAS, Associations of conflict professionals promote
3 peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes, as well as develop proficient
4 conduct standards; and

5 WHEREAS, Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and restorative
6 justice practices bring cost and time savings to the handling of disputes
7 in the state court system and cost avoidance to the corrections system; and

8 WHEREAS, Additional benefits through conflict resolution
9 practices include creative and more durable interest-based resolution;
10 increased satisfaction for the parties who are active participants and
11 ultimate decision-makers in the negotiation; and the transformation of
12 personal relationships, thereby decreasing the likelihood of further
13 disputes or strained relations; and

14 WHEREAS, The Colorado General Assembly's exemplary
15 collaboration across party lines to enact sound conflict resolution policy
16 has a very real impact on the behaviors of all Coloradans, our economic
17 progress, and community relationships throughout the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor Jared Polis has proclaimed the month of
19 October to be Conflict Resolution Month in the state of Colorado; now,
20 therefore,

21 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
22 *of the State of Colorado:*

23 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado Senate, join the
24 Governor in recognizing October as Conflict Resolution Month in
25 Colorado;

26 (2) That we invite Coloradans to create events that celebrate and
27 promote the use of productive conflict transformation and dispute
28 resolution in their communities;

29 (3) That we call upon leaders across the state to use Conflict
30 Resolution Month in Colorado as an occasion to discuss the principles
31 and use the practices of conflict resolution in their homes, schools,
32 neighborhoods, congregations, and workplaces;

1 (4) That we encourage all residents of the state to reflect upon the
2 conflicts present in their own lives and to work to resolve those conflicts
3 responsibly and peacefully;

4 (5) That, in conjunction with Conflict Resolution Month in
5 Colorado, we encourage educational programs that emphasize the
6 benefits of facilitative, interest-based, party-centered, and restorative
7 practices, and we hope to bring these benefits to the attention of judges,
8 other officials, and staff in the state court system, state executive branch,
9 and local governments throughout Colorado; and

10 (6) That we encourage the participation of judges and other
11 officials and staff in the state judicial branch, state executive branch, and
12 local governments in celebrating and observing Conflict Resolution
13 Month in Colorado.

14 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Senate Resolution be
15 sent to Governor Jared Polis; Chief Justice Monica M. Márquez,
16 Colorado Supreme Court; Sharon Sturges, Office of Dispute Resolution
17 in the Colorado Judicial Department; Matt Riede, Colorado Restorative
18 Justice Coordinating Council; and to each member of Colorado's
19 congressional delegation.