

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-61

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2017 AS “CONFLICT RESOLUTION
MONTH” IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, conflict is a normal part of the human experience, and we acknowledge that conflicts arise among family members, neighbors, friends, community members and coworkers in our community; and

WHEREAS, resolving conflict in productive ways requires learned skills, community resources and/or trained professionals; and

WHEREAS, community conflicts have received increased media attention across the country during the past year, giving rise to new dialogue about strategies for productive, nonviolent conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, arbitration, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, restorative processes, and other responses to differences; and

WHEREAS, the conflict resolution process empowers individuals, families, communities, organizations, and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and individuals in Summit County have come together to offer our community tools that can help people “talk it out,” and to promote productive, proactive and nonviolent strategies by which to resolve our conflicts; and

WHEREAS, community-based programs have the potential to fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County Conflict Resolution Coalition has organized a series of events and activities through which to engage and educate our community about resources, tools and strategies for successful conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by citizens in many school systems, universities, and graduate programs throughout Colorado and the world as a way of solving disputes; and

WHEREAS, professional associations of conflict mediators promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO, THAT in recognition of the ongoing commitment to collaborative and constructive means of conflict resolution, now and in the future, of Summit County, this Proclamation is approved to recognize October as Conflict Resolution Month in 2017.

APPROVED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.



BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

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Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathleen Neel, Clerk & Recorder