



*October is*  
**CONFLICT RESOLUTION  
MONTH IN COLORADO**  
*Listen. Talk. Work it Out.*

## **Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado 2017 Summary**

*Proclaimed by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper  
and by the Colorado Legislature, Senate Joint Resolution (SJR17-015)*

*Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado inspires Coloradans  
to use constructive methods to solve problems.*

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### **2017 HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Over **2,499 People** participated.
- **27 Activities in 13 Communities** across the state were reported.
- **28 Proclamations** were issued by the state, counties, cities, and two school districts.
- **413 copies** of *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most* were distributed. Additional conflict resolution books donated by community organizations and practitioners were also distributed.

Most of the reported activities were a direct result of the Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado campaign. Other event sponsors planned programs during October and included them on our website calendar. Additional events took place without being posted and are not in this summary.

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### **2017 PROCLAMATIONS:**

- **Proclaimed by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper and by the Colorado Legislature, Senate Joint Resolution (SJR17-015)**
  - **Proclamations in Perpetuity (20):**  
Counties: Clear Creek, Elbert, Jefferson, Otero, Pitkin  
Cities: Arvada, Basalt, Town of Bow Mar, Carbondale, Centennial, Dillon, Edgewater, Englewood, Golden, Greeley, Greenwood Village, Parachute, Sheridan  
School Districts: Mapleton Public Schools, Clayton Partnership School
  - **Additional 2017 Proclamations (8):**  
State of Colorado  
Counties: Mesa, Summit  
Cities: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Trinidad, Westminster  
School Districts: Summit School District
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## 2017 BOOK SELECTION:

### ***Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most***

By Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton, and Sheila Heen

Each year, Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado selects a book that enhances problem-solving skills and/or inspires dialogue. Every Colorado legislator, the Governor, and the Lieutenant Governor received a copy of the book. Colorado Supreme Court Judges also received copies. Additionally, 246 copies were distributed at conferences, to libraries, and across the state, including 30 copies placed in Little Free Libraries in Denver. A Reader's Guide was created and posted online at <http://conflictresolutionmonth.org/resources/book/>.

## 2017 CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH IN COLORADO ACTIVITIES:

### **Aspen**

Lead with Love, Aspen City of Well-being, [aspencityofwellbeing.org](http://aspencityofwellbeing.org)

### **Boulder**

KGNU News, host Kathy Partridge, interviewed Mary Zinn and Cary Leher on the book, *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most*, [kgnu.org/](http://kgnu.org/)

### **Clifton**

Prayer Vigil, New Day Ministries

### **Colorado Springs**

12th Annual Conflict Resolution Conference, Phoenix Strategies, Inc., [phoenixstrategiescolorado.com](http://phoenixstrategiescolorado.com) in collaboration with presenting sponsors the Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado, [bbb.org/southern-colorado](http://bbb.org/southern-colorado); Colorado Technical University, [coloradotech.edu](http://coloradotech.edu); The Mediation Association of Colorado, [coloradomediation.org](http://coloradomediation.org) or [thamac@coloradomediation.org](mailto:thamac@coloradomediation.org); Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council, [pprjc.org](http://pprjc.org)  
40-hour Basic Mediator Training, Bear Wolf Consulting, [bearwolfconsulting.com](http://bearwolfconsulting.com)

### **Denver**

40-hour Basic Mediator Training, Bear Wolf Consulting, [bearwolfconsulting.com](http://bearwolfconsulting.com)  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Continuing Education Program, Colorado Bar Association, [cobar.org](http://cobar.org)  
Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado Monthly Synergizer Meetings, [conflictresolutionmonth.org](http://conflictresolutionmonth.org)  
Conflict Resolution Month Book Discussion: *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most*, The Conflict Center, [conflictcenter.org](http://conflictcenter.org)  
*The Last Bill: A Senator's Story* (Film and Dialogue), Five Points Rotary, [FivePointsRotaryDenver.org](http://FivePointsRotaryDenver.org)  
Let's Talk About It: Building Bridges Social Hour, Building Bridges, [buildingbridgesshift.org](http://buildingbridgesshift.org)  
PeaceJam's Rocky Mountain SLAM Mentor Training, [peacejam.org](http://peacejam.org)  
Transforming Anger & Conflict into Allies, The Conflict Center, [conflictcenter.org](http://conflictcenter.org)  
When Women Lead, the University of Denver's Sie Center, Peace is Loud, and Our Secure Future

### **Grand Junction**

Mesa County Legal Resource Day, Annette Ferriole, [cprpeace@gmail.com](mailto:cprpeace@gmail.com)  
Mesa County Spellbinders Share Tales of Peace in Mesa County School District 51,  
Mesa County Spellbinders, [spellbinders.org](http://spellbinders.org); Annette Ferriole, [cprpeace@gmail.com](mailto:cprpeace@gmail.com)

### **Lakewood**

Talk to Negotiation/Conflict Resolution College Students: Mediation, Nuria Lopez of Nesther Mediation LLC, [nesthermediation.com](http://nesthermediation.com)

### **Lamar**

Calming Down the Conflict, Parenting Seminar for parents and caregivers of children who are involved in a court divorce or court custody case, 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

## Longmont

Restorative Practices Orientation, Longmont Community Justice Partnership, [lcjp.org](http://lcjp.org)

## Salida

Bridging the Political Divide, aikiCommunication, LLC, [contact@aikicommunication.com](mailto:contact@aikicommunication.com)

## Summit County

Summit Conflict Resolution Coalition events, Myra Isenhart, [Myra.Isenhart@comcast.net](mailto:Myra.Isenhart@comcast.net)

Talking It Out: Getting to Agreement Exhibit, Silverthorne Recreation Center, Frisco Main Library, and County Commons Foyer, Jordan Courtney, [jordan.l.courtner@gmail.com](mailto:jordan.l.courtner@gmail.com)

## Thornton

2017 Colorado Safe Schools Summit, Colorado Safe School Resource Center, [colorado.gov/cssrc](http://colorado.gov/cssrc)

“Making a Difference” read-aloud project at Clayton Partnership, Mapleton Schools, Adams County School District 1, [mapleton.us/School/Department/24-clayton-partnership-school-k-8](http://mapleton.us/School/Department/24-clayton-partnership-school-k-8)

Restorative Practices Educators’ Conversation at Clayton Partnership School, Mary Zinn, [mzinn@zinnmediation.com](mailto:mzinn@zinnmediation.com)

## Trinidad

*Milagro Bean Field War*, Movie Screening and Discussion, Carnegie Library of Trinidad, [trinidadpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:trinidadpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

Trinidad Reads Together: *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most*, Carnegie Library of Trinidad, [trinidadpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:trinidadpubliclibrary@gmail.com)

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## 2017 CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH IN COLORADO CONTRIBUTORS:



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## **Endorsers, in addition to those who issued Proclamations**

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Bear Wolf Consulting & Mediation Services, Inc.  
Better Business Bureau of Southern Colorado  
Building Bridges  
cityWILD  
Colorado Free University  
Colorado Technical University  
Common Ground Mediation Center, LLC  
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Keystone Policy Center  
KGNU Radio  
Longmont Community Justice Partnership  
Mapleton Public Schools, Clayton Partnership,  
Adams County District 1

Mesa County Spellbinders  
Nesther Mediation, LLC  
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Oval Options  
PeaceJam Foundation  
Pikes Peak Restorative Justice Council  
Rocky Mountain Center for Compassionate  
Communication  
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Colorado Representative Yeulin Willett

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Colorado Judicial Department, Office of Dispute  
Resolution and Restorative Justice Colorado  
Colorado School Safety Resource Center  
Carnie Library of Trinidad  
Frisco Main Library

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**Cities:** Arvada, Basalt, Boulder, Town of Bow Mar, Carbondale, Centennial, Colorado Springs, Dillon, Edgewater, Englewood, Golden, Greeley, Greenwood Village, Parachute, Sheridan, Trinidad, Westminster

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