

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregonians can choose mediation – with assistance from hundreds of volunteer, court affiliated, and private mediators – as a “first resort” to peacefully resolve their own conflicts, thereby promoting safer communities, schools, and families, saving time and money, and creating better outcomes for everyone; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon is committed to the use of mediation for problem-solving, making Oregon a leader in providing statewide opportunities for the effective resolution of community, court, and public policy disputes; and
- WHEREAS:** A wide variety of organizations provide and support mediation and dispute resolution services to Oregonians, including the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution, community mediation centers, the Oregon Department of Justice, the University of Oregon School of Law’s ADR Center, Portland State University, the Oregon Judicial Branch, the Oregon Mediation Association, the Coalition of Victim Offender Mediation Programs, the Oregon State Bar, and others; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 36 provides the framework to integrate appropriate dispute resolution into the State of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** The annual conference of the Oregon Mediation Association will be held in Oregon on November 6-7, 2009 to promote the use of mediation; and
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **November 2009** to be

MEDIATION MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, October 15, 2009.



Theodore R. Kulongoski

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown

Kate Brown, Secretary of State