



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's court system has, traditionally, provided efficient and equitable justice for the citizens of the state. As the complexity of society has grown, so too has the number of cases brought before the courts for resolution; and

WHEREAS: There is growing awareness that many disputes can be settled outside the courtroom using negotiation, mediation, arbitration and conciliation. It is becoming more common for parties to work together to develop mutually satisfactory solutions with less time, money and formality; and

WHEREAS: Non-judicial dispute resolution services are becoming increasingly accessible to the public. A network of non-profit dispute resolution centers in the Twin Cities, Duluth and Southeastern Minnesota provide trained volunteer mediators who assist in resolving juvenile, neighborhood and community-based disputes; and

WHEREAS: Assistance in settling conflicts involving consumer affairs, employment, business matters, divorce and child custody issues, contracts and insurance claims is available through non-profit and for-profit firms and court-administered arbitration programs. Recent state laws provide for assistance in settling disputes involving farm credit, commercial or personal injury, health service delivery, hazardous waste disposal, and consumer products and services; and

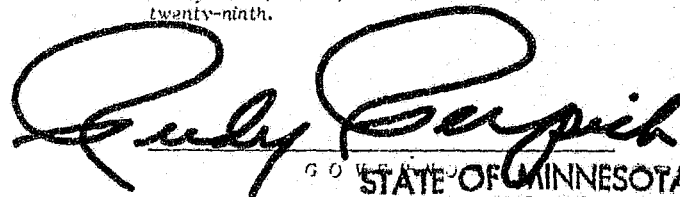
WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Bar Association, Supreme Court, State Office of Dispute Resolution, institutions of higher learning including law schools, dispute resolution service providers and business and community leaders wish to expand citizen awareness and use of dispute resolution alternatives;

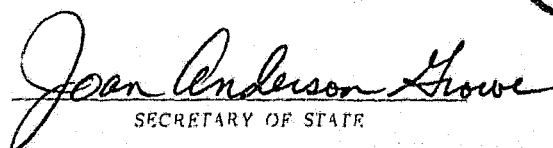
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 15 through November 21 to be

DISPUTE RESOLUTION WEEK

in Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, and of the State the one hundred twenty-ninth.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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