



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 with less time, money and formality. Consequently, alternative dispute resolution techniques, such as negotiation, mediation, arbitration and conciliation, are becoming more readily available to the public. Some courts as well as both non-profit and for-profit organizations offer services for resolving conflicts related to consumer affairs, employment, business matters, divorce and child custody, contracts and insurance claims. A network of community dispute resolution centers assist people to resolve neighborhood-based disputes. State laws provide for out-of-court settlements for disputes involving farm credit, commercial or personal injury, health service delivery, hazardous waste disposal, and consumer products and services; and
- WHEREAS: It is important to explore the potential of introducing conflict resolution programs into the schools as a means of teaching young people how to constructively resolve conflicts without violence while improving the quality of the learning environment; and
- WHEREAS: The State Office of Dispute Resolution, Minnesota State Bar Association, Supreme Court, law schools and other institutions of higher learning, 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 November 13-19, 1988 to be

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in Minnesota, and recognize and commend all those associated with the dispute resolution movement.

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 third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, and of the State the one hundred thirtieth.

Rudy Perpich
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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