PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, restorative processes, and other dialogue-focused approaches to responding to differences; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Vermont is a nationally recognized leader in the development of community-based restorative justice and services to victims; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Vermont's reputation for working across partisan lines to get things done has had a very real impact on health, education, and economic prosperity throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Vermont Judiciary has been a long-time supporter of conflict resolution processes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is fortunate to have coordinated partners like the Community Justice Center and the Burlington Police Department to address and repair conflict in our City;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2013 to be

CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Miro Weinberger
Mayor