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*Association for Conflict Resolution*

I am pleased to offer my greetings as you observe October as Conflict Resolution and Conflict Management Month.

Conflicts and disputes, either great or small, that make their way into the legal system can pose significant losses in time, energy and productivity for all involved. As possible alternatives, conflict resolution and conflict management processes can often produce less costly and more satisfying results than those found in litigation. By promoting thoughtful and conscientious means to settle disputes, conflict arbitrators offer consumers the benefits of productive mediation and effective communication.

In conjunction with the Association for Conflict Resolution, I encourage Californians this month to consider the important role of conflict resolution and management in our communities. Individuals can benefit from these strategies because of their emphasis on developing problem-solving techniques.

Please accept my best wishes for your upcoming events and continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

