

PINELLAS COUNTY

# Proclamation

MEDIATION WEEK IN PINELLAS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Florida has been a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation in the courts; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County Government has been a major proponent of the use of mediation as a means of resolving disputes; and

WHEREAS, mediation allows individuals to take control of their lives and devise solutions to conflicts which are tailored to their particular needs; and

WHEREAS, mediation is being taught and practiced in many school systems in Florida not only as a way of solving individual disputes but also as a means toward a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, community-based mediation programs throughout Florida are fairly and equitably resolving neighborhood and community conflicts thus strengthening community relationships; and

WHEREAS, administrative agencies and court programs in Florida to are using mediation effectively and efficiently resolve disputes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that October 15-21, 2006, be recognized as

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and extend greetings and best wishes to all celebrating this occasion. We encourage all individuals, schools, courts, businesses, local communities, and the news media to commemorate the important role of mediation in our society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed this 15th day of October 2006.

*Kenneth T. Welch*  
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