Supreme Court of Florida

PROCLAMATION In re: Mediation Week

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

WHEREAS, administrative agencies and court programs use mediation to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, mediation empowers individuals to develop solutions to conflict that are tailored to their particular needs; and

WHEREAS, mediation increases the use of constructive and non-adversarial resolutions in court cases; and

WHEREAS, mediation promotes the use of innovative and effective problem-solving and alternative dispute resolution processes; and

WHEREAS, mediation is taught and practiced in many schools in Florida not only as a way of resolving individual disputes but also as a means toward achieving a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, community-based mediation programs strengthen relationships by assisting in the resolution of neighborhood and community conflicts; and

WHEREAS, many businesses use mediation to resolve their disputes with individuals and other businesses in an amicable and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic mediation has continued virtually, allowing parties to resolve disputes without resorting to litigation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Charles T. Canady, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all who are observing MEDIATION WEEK, October 17 through 23, 2021.

DONE IN CHAMBERS on this Third Day of September in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Chief Justice Charles T. Canady

ATTEST:

John A. Tomasino, Clerk of Court