



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the great need to promote mediation as a means for litigants to resolve their cases by agreement rather than requiring the court's resources for a resolution; and

WHEREAS, with court systems experiencing a backlog of cases mediation can play a more critical role than ever in providing access to those who would otherwise be shut out due to difficulties associated with the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, alternative dispute resolution procedures have been implemented in the Alabama court system to further the goal of increasing the number of Alabama litigants reaching tailored resolutions to disputes in an expedient manner; and

WHEREAS, community-based, small claims and pro bono mediation programs have developed in Alabama to fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood, community and small claims conflicts, thus strengthening community and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, mediation programs have been promoted by the Alabama Supreme Court Commission on Dispute Resolution, the Dispute Resolution Section of the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution throughout the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has declared the week of October 18 through October 22, 2021, Mediation Week with the theme of "Mapping the Future So Conflict Doesn't Disrupt It";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 18 - October 22, 2021, as

Mediation Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 8th day of September 2021.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor