



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in October 2005, the Association for Conflict Resolution's Board of Directors adopted a resolution to designate a national annual Conflict Resolution Day; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolvers are very successful in promoting awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other peaceful means of resolving conflict in schools, families, businesses, communities and governments; and

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is a way of solving individual disputes, as well as a means toward creating a more peaceful society, and community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thus strengthening relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve many conflicts on their own, without any need or recourse for attorneys or the courts, through simple decisions to forgive or apologize, change their own behaviors, and exercise leadership in their homes, businesses and governmental positions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential that all citizens of this City be aware of the importance of conflict resolution and the impact that their participation can have on creating a climate of peace in their communities to make them stronger, safer and better places to live, work and play.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2007 as

### ***Conflict Resolution Day***

a day of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of the City of Bainbridge Island.



**SIGNED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007

  
Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor