

FSU MEDIATION DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mediation is a voluntary, non-adversarial, and informal method of conflict resolution that allows individuals to shape mutually acceptable solutions to their problems and concerns; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to a peaceful society that students learn mediation skills they can apply to all facets of community, academic, and family life, as well as in commerce, government and international relations; and

WHEREAS, mediation is a cost effective alternative to litigation for resolving disputes; and

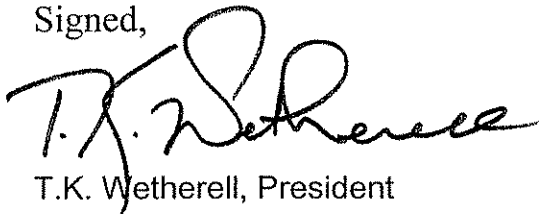
WHEREAS, Florida State University is a leader in promoting mediation; and

WHEREAS, the University utilizes mediation for alternative dispute resolution in various campus units for students, faculty and staff, including in Student Affairs, the Human Resources Department Ombuds Program, Campus Police, and the Office of Employee Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the third Thursday in October is designated for the purpose of celebration and education as 'International Conflict Resolution Day' by the Association for Conflict Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, T.K. Wetherell, as President of Florida State University and on behalf of The Florida State University Board of Trustees, do hereby pledge and support Thursday, October 16, 2008 as *FSU Mediation Day*, to increase awareness of and utilization of this form of dispute resolution within the university community.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.K. Wetherell', written in a cursive style.

T.K. Wetherell, President

The Florida State University