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Whereas: for 30 years, the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center has helped people navigate disagreements, strengthen communication and find constructive paths forward; and

Whereas: the Bellevue City Council established the Conflict Resolution Center in 1996, providing an alternative to formal and adversarial processes by helping people work together voluntarily to resolve disputes; and

Whereas: the center provides free and confidential conflict coaching, conciliation and mediation to people who live or work in Bellevue and Kirkland, helping address conflicts involving neighbors, housing, property, businesses and other community concerns; and

Whereas: community-based dispute resolution supports self-determination and empowers individuals and communities to address conflicts in ways that work for them; and

Whereas: the center's staff and trained volunteers also provide education, resources and training that help community members develop communication, listening and conflict-resolution skills; and

Whereas: Community Conflict Resolution Month provides an opportunity to recognize the people who have served the community through the Bellevue Conflict Resolution Center over the past three decades and the residents, volunteers and partners who choose conversation and collaboration as a way to address differences.

Whereas: since 2005, the third Thursday in October has been designated as International Conflict Resolution Day;

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as:

Community Conflict Resolution Month

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage community members to learn more about conflict resolution and the resources available to help people work through differences constructively.

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Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue