

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF NEW YORK



Proclamation

WHEREAS: FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS ALIKE, NO MATTER WHICH SIDE OF A LEGAL DISPUTE YOU'RE ON, A LONG, DRAWN-OUT PROCESS ISN'T GOOD FOR ANYONE. THESE KINDS OF DISPUTES SLOW DOWN OUR COURTS, DRAIN PARTICIPANTS' RESOURCES, AND WEAKEN PEOPLE'S FAITH IN THE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE MEANT TO SERVE THEM. ALL NEW YORKERS BENEFIT WHEN SUCH ISSUES ARE SOLVED FAIRLY AND REASONABLY, AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE PROUD ONCE AGAIN TO JOIN THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM IN CELEBRATING MEDIATION SETTLEMENT DAY.

WHEREAS: PROMOTING MEDIATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF RESOLVING DISPUTES IS THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S EVENTS. TO THAT END, THE NEW YORK STATE JUDICIARY HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEW YORK'S DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAMS, BAR ASSOCIATIONS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND NON-PROFITS. MANY OF THESE PROFESSIONALS CAN SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE OF THE VALUE OF MEDIATION AND OFFER ADVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT TRIED IT BEFORE. CHOOSING THE MEDIATION PROCESS IS ONE WAY OUR RESIDENTS CAN NEGOTIATE WITH BANKS AND KEEP THEIR HOMES, FOR EXAMPLE. ACROSS THE STATE, PARTICIPATING SPONSORS ARE ALSO MARKING THE DAY BY ARRANGING FOR MEDIATORS TO SERVE AT REDUCED RATES, AND HOSTING SESSIONS AT THEIR OWN FACILITIES, WHERE PEOPLE CAN ASK WHETHER MEDIATION MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR THEM.

WHEREAS: OUR ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO HELPING NEW YORKERS MAKE INFORMED CHOICES REGARDING THEIR FAMILIES' WELL-BEING. WHEN IT COMES TO OUR LEGAL SYSTEM, KNOWING ALL THE OPTIONS—AND KNOWING AS WELL WHICH EXPERTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP—CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "GETTING TO YES" AND ENGAGING IN DEBATES THAT CAN DRAG ON WITH NO END IN SIGHT. TOGETHER, WE LOOK FORWARD TO NEW YORK'S LEGAL PROFESSIONALS AND THEIR PARTNERS MEDIATING MORE CASES AND EMPOWERING THEIR CLIENTS FURTHER IN THE YEARS TO COME.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2012 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"MEDIATION SETTLEMENT DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND USED THE SEAL OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.

Michael R. Bloomberg
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG
MAYOR