Virginia Commonwealth University Proclamation

Conflict Resolution Week 2020

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Whereas, Conflict Resolution Day was conceived in 2005 by the Association of Conflict Resolution and is recognized on the third Thursday of October; and

Whereas, conflict resolution promotes awareness of mediation, arbitration, facilitation, conciliation, and other creative, peaceful means of resolving conflict; and

Whereas, the conflict resolution process empowers individuals, families, communities, organizations, and businesses to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all parties; and

Whereas, conflict resolution is taught and practiced by citizens in many school systems, graduate programs and universities throughout Virginia and the world as a way of solving disputes; and

Whereas, administrative offices, organizations, departments, colleges and universities make a sincere effort to fairly and equitably resolve institutional conflicts, thereby strengthening campus relationships; and

Whereas, professional associations of conflict mediators promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes;

Therefore, I, Dr. Gail Hackett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of Virginia Commonwealth University, do hereby proclaim October 12 to October 16, 2020, as Conflict Resolution Week.