



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MEDIATION WEEK

WHEREAS, Florida has been a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation; and

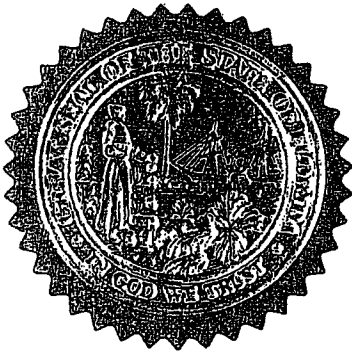
WHEREAS, administrative agencies, courts, and court-sponsored programs use mediation to effectively and efficiently resolve disputes; and

WHEREAS, mediation allows individuals and businesses to develop solutions to conflicts which are mutually agreeable and tailored to their particular needs; and

WHEREAS, mediation is taught and practiced in many schools in Florida not only as a means of resolving individual disputes, but also as a means of achieving a more peaceful society; and

WHEREAS, community-based mediation programs strengthen relationships among Florida's citizens by assisting in the resolution of neighborhood and community conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing October 16-22, 2011 as *Mediation Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 19th day of September, in the year two thousand eleven.


Governor