

**PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION AND
COMMISSION ACTION**

**NEW BUSINESS
ITEM K-2**

PREPARED BY: Venice Howard District Clerk September 20, 2018

SUBJECT: **Approval of Proclamation declaring Mediation Week**

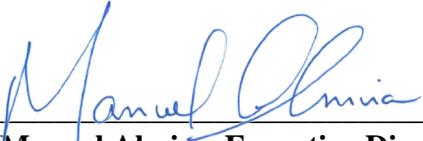
BACKGROUND: October is the time when people all over the world celebrate the field of dispute resolution. In Florida, for the past several years, Governor Rick Scott has issued a Proclamation recognizing Mediation Week in Florida. This year Governor Scott has declared October 14th-20th as "Mediation Week." Commissioner Waldron has requested that the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Palm Beach District recognize this effort.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED: No _____ Yes X

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve a Proclamation declaring October 14, 2018-October 20, 2018 as Mediation Week.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Manuel Almira, Executive Director

DATE ACTION TAKEN: _____
Approved: _____
Disapproved: _____
Deferred To: _____
Incorporated into Minutes: _____

Motion By: _____
Seconded By: _____
Unanimous: Yes _____ No _____
By: _____

PROCLAMATION
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THE PORT OF PALM BEACH DISTRICT, FLORIDA,
DECLARING OCTOBER 14-20, 2018 AS MEDIATION WEEK

Whereas, The Palm Beach County Bar Association’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee seeks to promote to lawyers, the judiciary and the public, the use and value of alternative dispute resolution processes. These processes help parties resolve disputes without a trial in a less costly and more timely and satisfying manner; and

Whereas, in 2011, the American Bar Association declared the third week of October as Mediation Week to recognize the utilization of mediation as one of several appropriate dispute resolution processes; and

Whereas, mediators and other dispute resolution practitioners, through their concentrated expertise in helping parties find lasting solutions to complex problems, have continually demonstrated the value of the field of alternative dispute resolution; and

Whereas, mediation practices and skills are being applied in the workplace by leaders, managers and supervisors who have embraced the power and efficiency of open communication and collaborative problem solving; and

Whereas, mediation, along with the principles and practices that it embodies, can be a crucial tool for peacemaking between individuals, groups, units, neighborhoods, as well as governments and our region continues to be a leader in those efforts; and

Whereas, professional associations of conflict resolvers are promoting the peaceful and creative resolution of disputes; and

Whereas, The Port of Palm Beach District extends its appreciation to the members of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and especially to the members of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee for its effort to promote alternative conflict resolutions throughout Palm Beach County.

Subscribed to this 20th day of September, 2018

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