AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Proclamation; Conflict Resolution Month; October 2013

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
See attached draft. This was requested by Cheryl Coffey.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ● Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

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Reviewed by: DBaumgarten Discharge Date: 8/28/2013 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ●

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: MBirnie Discharge Date: 8/28/2013

○ Consent Agenda ● Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 2 minutes

Agenda Date: 9/3/2013 Follow Up Agenda Date: N/A

Revised April 2013

Katherine Haase

From: Paula Swenson <paula@gunnison.com>
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:39 AM
To: 'cheryl coffey'
Cc: Katherine Haase
Subject: RE: Conflict resolutions month

Katherine,
Please contact Cheryl about getting a proclamation on our next agenda for Conflict Resolution Month.
Thanks
Paula

From: cheryl coffey [mailto:gunnisoncoach@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 19, 2013 10:23 AM
To: paula@gunnison.com
Subject: Conflict resolutions month

Hi Paula,

I'm forwarding info about Conflict Resolution Month.
Will send more information about the event in GJ
when it becomes available.

Enjoyed our conversation last week.

Cheryl

If the proclamation won't print for you, go to conflictresolutionmonth.org and click on top bar where it says proclamation to access it. There is also info on what other CO cities have done in terms of perpetual proclamations etc.

Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado began in 2007 as a local initiative inspired by the work started in 2005 by the Association for Conflict Resolution* in instituting Conflict Resolution Day. In an ambitious effort to ensure that Colorado is the most civil state in the Union, groups of energetic and dynamic individuals have come together each year to promote and celebrate productive problem solving in our state. Conflict Resolution Month in Colorado does not host events, rather, we engage and support others in finding ways to celebrate or promote constructive problem solving through hosting events or activities of their own. These "events" may take place at home through family discussions or personal practice, or in a community via dialogues, film screenings, book discussions, trainings, and more!

History

In 2005, in order to increase public awareness about conflict resolution and its many benefits, ACR's Board of Directors adopted a resolution designating October 20, 2005 as Conflict Resolution Day. ACR coordinated its efforts with other conflict resolution organizations and reached out to local, state and international groups to build interest in holding local celebrations in conjunction with Conflict Resolution Day. Events were held in Canada, Portugal, and 22 U.S.

states. Also in the United States, a number of counties, cities and states adopted proclamations designating day- or week-long conflict resolution celebrations.In March 2006, ACR's Board of Directors adopted a resolution designating the third Thursday in October as Conflict Resolution Day. Going forward, Conflict Resolution Day will always be held on the third Thursday of October. This year the event will be on October 18, 2012.

About Conflict Resolution Day
Each Year the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) celebrates Conflict Resolution Day the third Thursday of October. Our logo of the tree was designed as a symbol to celebrate growth in Conflict Resolution. The first year, start small, but just like the tree the seeds you plant one year, will continue to grow and blossom each year. Conflict Resolution Day was conceived in 2005 by ACR to:

Promote awareness of mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other creative, peaceful means of resolving conflict
Promote the use of conflict resolution in schools, families, businesses, communities, governments and the legal system
Recognize the significant contributions of (peaceful) conflict resolvers
Obtain national synergy by having celebrations happen across the country and around the world on the same day

PROCLAMATION

Conflict Resolution Month
in the
County of Gunnison, Colorado
October 2013

WHEREAS, conflict resolution encompasses mediation, arbitration, facilitation, collaborative decision-making, restorative processes and other responses to differences; 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 involved; and

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

WHEREAS, community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thereby strengthening local relationships; and

WHEREAS, professional associations of conflict processing specialists promote peaceful and creative resolutions to disputes; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's reputation for working across partisan lines to get things done has had a very real impact on economic progress and job creation throughout the state.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado by virtue of the authority vested in us by the State of Colorado do hereby proclaim:

October 2013 as
Conflict Resolution Month
in the
County of Gunnison, Colorado

INTRODUCED and approved this 3rd day of September, 2013 by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

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Paula Swenson, Chairperson

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

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Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

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Jonathan Houck, Commissioner