

Whereas, during the past few decades, the field of alternative dispute resolution has grown tremendously and along with it so has the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, 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, the recognition that there are multiple paths to justice is increasingly shared by attorneys, judges and the public alike, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Buddy Dyer, on behalf of our Council and the residents of our City, do hereby declare *October 11-17 2015*

“Mediation Week”

in the City of Orlando recognizing the importance of the availability of alternative dispute resolution services to the citizens of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2015