

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2011-126

Proclaiming the Third Thursday in October as Playworks Conflict Resolution Day in Multnomah County.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Playworks is a non-profit organization that works in schools to promote safe, healthy and inclusive play and teaches children to use conflict resolution tools;
- b. Conflict Resolution is a collaborative decision making process involving formal and informal approaches including mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other peaceful means of resolving conflict in schools, families, communities, and the workplace;
- c. Conflict Resolution is being taught and practiced in many schools, communities and workplaces as a method of solving individual disputes and as a means to towards a more peaceful society;
- d. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners recognizes and promotes Conflict Resolution to effectively and efficiently resolve conflict in schools, families, businesses, communities and governments;
- e. Conflict Resolution processes empower individuals, families, communities, organizations, businesses and nations to foster communication and solutions to conflict that are tailored to their needs;
- f. Citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve many conflicts on their own, without any need for or recourse for attorneys or the courts, through simple decisions to forgive or apologize, change their own behaviors and exercise leadership in their homes, neighborhoods, schools, businesses and governmental positions;
- g. Collaborative responses are being utilized by schools, communities, individuals, businesses and courts to effectively and efficiently resolve conflict;
- h. It is essential that all citizens of this county be aware of the importance of conflict resolution and the impact that their participation can have on creating a climate of peace in their communities to make them stronger, safer and better places to live, work and play;
- i. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners will celebrate this day in conjunction with 22 states across the US and other countries around the world for the purpose of promoting the Association of Conflict Resolution's awareness campaign.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

That the third Thursday in October shall be observed as Playworks Conflict Resolution Day in Multnomah County.

ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2011



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Jeff Cogen, Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Vice-Chair Deborah Kafoury, District 1.