

THE CITY OF SARASOTA Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Sarasota is a leader in recognizing and promoting mediation as an alternative to litigation to help people work through their problems and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, conflict resolution is a way of solving individual disputes, as well as a means toward creating a more peaceful society, and community-based programs fairly and equitably resolve neighborhood and community conflicts, thus strengthening relationships; and

WHEREAS, citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve many conflicts on their own, without any need or recourse for attorneys or the courts, through simple decisions to forgive or apologize, change their own behaviors, and exercise leadership in their homes, businesses, and governmental positions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of this City 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.

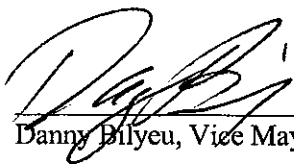
NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Sarasota, Florida, and on behalf of the citizens of our community, takes great pride in recognizing October 19, 2006, as

“Conflict Resolution Day”

a day of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of the City of Sarasota.



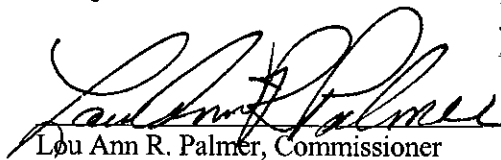
Fredd “Glossie” Atkins, Mayor



Danny Bilyeu, Vice Mayor



Mary Anne Servian, Commissioner



Lou Ann R. Palmer, Commissioner



Ken Shelin, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Billy E. Robinson, City Auditor and Clerk