

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 186

Reps. Bohnak, Breen, Morgan, Paiz, Rogers and Skaggs offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare October 16, 2025, as Community Dispute
2 Resolution Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Alternative dispute resolution covers mediation,
4 arbitration, facilitation, restorative practices, collaborative
5 decision-making, and other effective ways to address conflict; and

6 Whereas, The conflict resolution process enables individuals,
7 families, communities, organizations, and businesses to enhance
8 communication and develop solutions that address the needs and
9 interests of all parties involved; and

10 Whereas Conflict resolution is taught and practiced by
11 individuals across Michigan and around the world in schools,
12 community colleges, universities, law schools, and graduate
13 programs, both as a method for resolving disputes and as a pathway

1 to fostering a more peaceful society; and

2 Whereas, Community-based programs serve an essential role in
3 resolving neighborhood and community conflicts in a fair and
4 equitable manner, thereby strengthening local relationships and
5 reducing the burden of costly litigation on both the parties and
6 the courts; and

7 Whereas, Michigan Public Act 260 of 1988, known as the
8 Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the creation of
9 Community Dispute Resolution Centers across the state, to operate
10 under the oversight and administration of the Michigan Supreme
11 Court and the Michigan Community Mediation Association; and

12 Whereas, The State Court Administrative Office's Office of
13 Dispute Resolution oversees and supports sixteen centers across
14 Michigan that provide conciliation, mediation, and other forms of
15 alternative dispute resolution to citizens, schools, and businesses
16 throughout the state; and

17 Whereas, Thousands of dedicated professionals and volunteers
18 have served as mediators, facilitators, and conciliators in a wide
19 range of cases, helping parties reach mutually satisfactory
20 resolutions efficiently and at reduced cost; and

21 Whereas, Recognizing these efforts offers an important
22 opportunity to raise public awareness of peaceful and constructive
23 methods for resolving interpersonal and intergroup conflicts of all
24 kinds; now, therefore, be it

25 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
26 this legislative body declare October 16, 2025, as Community
27 Dispute Resolution Day in Michigan. We recognize Marquette Alger
28 Resolution Service and the other fifteen mediation centers in the
29 state for 32 years of providing mediation services to Michigan

1 citizens.