



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Heartland Mediators Association (HMA), an association of professional Mediators, has worked tirelessly to promote the use of mediation to assist in managing public and private conflicts and disputes; and

WHEREAS, Missouri offers a wide variety of organizations that support and provide mediation and dispute resolution services to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of mediation include fostering communication and cooperation, offering a forum for creative options, problem solving and providing a less costly and less time consuming alternative to litigation and other forms of dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, the HMA and the Association of Missouri Mediators are co-sponsoring and conducting the HMA Biannual Mediation Conference and Training Institute during April, 2007 in order to promote educational and informative programs on the mediation process;

WHEREAS, citizens should acknowledge the contributions of all mediator organizations throughout the state in settling conflicts to provide a better way of life for all Missourians;

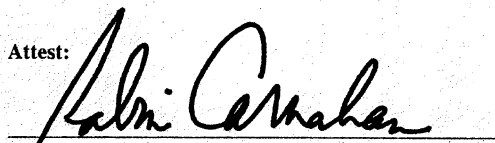
NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim April, 2007 as

MISSOURI MEDIATION MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 14th day of March, 2007.




Governor

Attest:

Secretary of State