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### **Coalition Congratulates Mayor Wharton for Proclaiming ‘Mediation Day’ in Shelby County**

The Tennessee Coalition for Mediation Awareness congratulates Mayor A.C. Wharton for designating Oct. 19 as “Mediation Day” in Shelby County, and encourages county residents to use the opportunity to learn more about mediation and other non-adversarial options for conflict resolution. A copy of the mayor’s proclamation is attached.

West Tennessee members of the Tennessee Coalition for Mediation Awareness are sponsoring events in the Memphis area on Oct. 19 to educate the public on the benefits of mediation.

Mediation is a unique process designed to help people resolve disputes through voluntary settlements, without having to take a case through a lengthy and expensive trial and appeal. A neutral and impartial person, known as the mediator, offers a confidential and non-adversarial setting for disputing parties to meet face-to-face, communicate with each other, find common ground and ultimately reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

The Tennessee Coalition for Mediation Awareness was formed this year to maximize the resources and expertise of various groups in the state committed to increasing awareness of mediation as an alternative to litigation. The mission of the Coalition is to support programs and activities that educate the public and the legal profession on the benefits of mediation and other forms of conflict resolution.

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