

RESOLUTION NO. 45 - 2013

AFFIRMING the Charter for Compassion; further **DECLARING** the City of Cincinnati a participant in a Ten-Year Compassionate City Campaign; further **DECLARING** April to be “Compassionate Action Month” in Cincinnati; and further **DECLARING** Cincinnati a compassionate city.

WHEREAS, the City Council declares the City of Cincinnati a participant in a Ten-Year Compassionate City Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declares April to be “Compassionate Action Month” in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the City Council declares Cincinnati a compassionate city; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Cincinnati are encouraged to unite in a commitment to compassion and to resolve to live compassionately; and

WHEREAS, because local governments around the world cannot meet all of the needs of their citizens, a growing network of individuals and groups organized around compassion are empowering our community to meet the challenge of these needs; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati contains a diverse spectrum of religious, political, and ethnic groups embodying the best of American and human values; and

WHEREAS, the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities seeks to support cities and nations in making compassion a clear, luminous force in our polarized world; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is internationally known for its leadership and innovation in its continuing effort to promote the values of justice, equity, and respect for all peoples and living beings of the earth through organizations such as the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Center for the Resolution of Disputes, the Beyond Civility Project, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, the Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education, and the Interfaith Hospitality Network; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati is internationally renowned for excellence and compassion in medical care through organizations including the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Cincinnati regularly demonstrate compassion through one of the highest rates of per capita charitable giving in the nation; and

WHEREAS, we, as citizens, acknowledge our role and responsibility to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our City through educational efforts and deliberate actions; and

WHEREAS, there are still many instances where individuals and groups fail to live compassionately, and thus we acknowledge that we must recommit to, and broaden, this effort in all places of community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council affirm the Charter for Compassion.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Council declare the City of Cincinnati a participant in a Ten-Year Compassionate City Campaign.

Section 3. That the Mayor and City Council declare April to be "Compassionate Action Month" in Cincinnati.

Section 4. That the Mayor and City Council declare Cincinnati a compassionate city.

Section 5. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: April 17, 2013

Attest: Brenda Williams
Acting Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Chris Seelbach