

CALIFORNIA PASSES HISTORIC DECLARATION BECOMING FIRST “COMPASSIONATE” STATE IN THE UNITED STATES effective September 10, 2021

The passage by the California State Legislature of [Senate Concurrent Resolution \(SCR\)-18 titled “Compassionate California”](#) is a milestone accomplishment. It declares California the first “Compassionate” State in the nation and firmly establishes California as a national leader in the movement.

We, here in California (and the worldwide collective, of course) have some distance to travel to truly say we live in a State of Compassion, but the California Resolution is a big step forward. The Resolution recognizes the benefits of compassionate action through every sector of our civic and community life, and California as a model of compassion. It lays the groundwork for growing compassionate public policy and governance.

With the passage of the Compassionate California Resolution, there is increased energy around real-time engagement of individuals, organizations, businesses, schools / universities and other institutions, and our communities to create a place for positive change that will impact our future. It gives birth to a whole new phase of compassionate values-based activity within the State of California, and beyond.

[SCR-18](#) was introduced by [Senator Dave Cortese](#), representing Senate District 15. You might be surprised to know that the Resolution unanimously passed both the CA State Senate (32-0) and Assembly (73-0) and became effective immediately with its filing with the Secretary of State on September 10, 2021.

The California Legislature was supported in the compassionate values-based initiative by Compassionate Leaders, Communities and Partners within the network of the organization also named “[Compassionate California](#)”, with support from the international [Charter for Compassion](#).

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