

SEATTLE COMPASSIONATE CITY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in April 11-15, 2008, the Seeds of Compassion gathering in Seattle was an unprecedented community-focused gathering of tens of thousands of people to explore the relationships, programs and tools that nurture and empower children, families and communities to be compassionate members of society; and

WHEREAS, the Seeds of Compassion gathering brought His Holiness the Dalai Lama to stimulate residents in the region to develop long-term concrete steps on how to bring compassion and acts of compassion into our lives; and

WHEREAS, during the Seeds of Compassion gathering numerous workshops were held that brought together parents, educators, business and community leaders to highlight the vision, science and programs related to the real benefits of compassion and to implement the long-term steps; and

WHEREAS, communities need thoughtful, creative adults who are actively engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, early childhood education and adult modeling is key to the emotional and social well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, the Compassionate Action Network is the local organization that is shepherding the long-term actions emerging from the Seeds of Compassion gathering; and

WHEREAS, the Compassionate Action Network is promoting the Charter for Compassion and the Ten Year-Campaign for Compassionate Cities as important next steps for affirming the principle of compassion and utilizing the Charter as a way to stimulate volunteer community service projects; and

WHEREAS, as a part of the Ten Year Campaign for Compassionate Cities there will be opportunities to connect organizations that are in need of resources and volunteers with community members who can assist them; and

WHEREAS, by designating Seattle as a Compassionate City we call on other cities and municipalities to join us in supporting the principle of compassion and acts of compassion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is internationally known for its leadership and innovation in the continuing effort to promote the values of justice, equity and respect for all peoples; and

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

WHEREAS, a Compassionate City deepens the quality and the extent to which its citizens embrace compassionate action in caring for its own neighbors;


NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Mayor of Seattle and the Seattle City Council affirm the Charter for Compassion, declare Seattle a participant in the Ten Year Campaign for Compassionate Cities, and for the next ten years will establish April and October as compassionate action months in which our citizens, government and institutions work together to embrace and apply compassionate solutions and encourage community service to meet the needs of our families, friends, communities and neighbors.



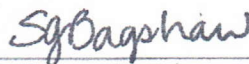
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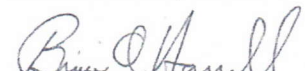
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