

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Compassionate Rochester MN is a movement to raise awareness in our community of the benefits of compassionate actions to all who live, work, or visit Rochester, MN; and,

WHEREAS, Compassion calls each of us to treat all others as we wish to be treated. His Holiness the Dalai Lama said, "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive; and,

WHEREAS, the overall focus of Compassionate Rochester MN is the stewardship of the universal values of kindness, love, and compassion. We will focus our efforts in three areas:

- Honoring and supporting compassionate thought and action already existing in our community
- Growing a culture of compassion as a binding force in our community
- Creating opportunities for meaningful multigenerational participation in compassionate actions; and,

WHEREAS, The Golden Rule based Charter for Compassion, written by 18 men and women from multiple countries and six faith traditions, transcends religious, ideological and national differences and has been affirmed by over 70 diverse communities in nearly 50 countries around the world since its initiation in 2009. These communities as well as more than three million individuals who have signed the Charter are taking action to integrate more compassion and altruism into their local areas; and,

WHEREAS, Rochester MN as a city of compassion would be a place where people of all ages and segments of society would be encouraged and supported to act more compassionately in all areas of their lives whether in private or public settings so that every single human being, without exception, is treated with absolute justice, equity and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Rochester that the Mayor and Common Council of Rochester, MN affirm the Charter for Compassion and designate Rochester MN a CITY OF COMPASSION.

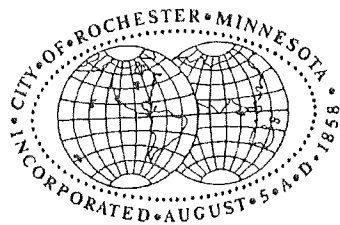
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council that the City will infuse and reflect compassion within its policies, procedures and programming including the "Planning 2 Succeed: Rochester Comprehensive Plan 2040."

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, THIS 18th DAY OF September, 2017.

ATTEST: *Cynthia Bleyer*  
CITY CLERK

*Randy Staver*  
PRESIDENT OF SAID COMMON COUNCIL

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF September, 2017.



*Walter F. Bieda*  
MAYOR OF SAID CITY