

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA JOINING AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF LEADING CITIES WORLDWIDE TO EMBRACE COMPASSION AS A VALUE; NOT JUST A VALUE, BUT SOMETHING WE WILL INTENTIONALLY STRIVE TO MORE INTENTIONALLY BUILD INTO OUR CULTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY ON EVERY LEVEL**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Pomona in support of the Compassionate Cities Initiative, in concurrence with the charter of compassion, as instituted by the charter of compassion international; and

**WHEREAS**, by becoming part of a compassionate city, region, or nation, citizens become empowered to develop a sense of kindness, cooperation and hope; and

**WHEREAS**, by affirming the charter of compassion agreement is established to create programs in support of compassion awareness, policy and activity;

**WHEREAS**, compassion will be furthered by engaging the public in community-wide services or activities in support of compassion in organizations and/or schools;

**WHEREAS**, the city will invite staff, community groups, clubs and schools to uphold compassion as a primarily value;

**WHEREAS**, scientific research reveals that early intervention with policies of compassion with at-risk youth shows great promise for positive change; and

**WHEREAS**, shared responsibility with neighboring cities for the safety and empowerment of those without a place to call home is an act of compassion.

**NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA** hereby resolves to:

**“EMBRACE COMPASSION AS A KEY VALUE”**

and further resolves to support the exploration and development of policies and programs that integrate compassion into the daily life of our community.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018