

RESOLUTION 2018-37

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF KENT AS A "COMPASSIONATE CITY" AND DECLARING APRIL 2018 AS "COMPASSIONATE CITY MONTH" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, compassion is a purpose, principle, and unifying value that guides and compels people of all backgrounds, perspectives, creeds, and cultures to treat all human beings with justice, equity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that practicing compassion produces positive benefits in all sectors of civic and community life, including safety, public health, physical, mental and spiritual well-being; and

WHEREAS, the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities is an internationally recognized global movement that calls on each person to treat others as he or she wishes to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Kent demonstrate this ethic on a daily basis in their homes, schools, businesses, community organizations, and public areas; and

WHEREAS, Kent is a home to Kent State University that brings peoples of all races, ethnicities, backgrounds and persuasions from all over the world to be our neighbors and share in our hometown; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor the spirit of unity that brings neighbors together and makes our community the kind of place that people are proud to call home regardless of their place of birth; and

WHEREAS, by welcoming the contributions of all people we make our community more vibrant and prosperous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jerry T. Fiala, the Mayor of the City of Kent and the President of City Council, with the unanimous support of the members of Council that:

SECTION 1: Council reaffirms that the City of Kent is a "Compassionate City" that endeavors through our citizens, government, and institutions to work together to embrace and apply compassionate solutions and encourage community service, and declares April 2018 as "Compassionate Action Month" in the City and encourages all City of Kent residents to join together to build a stronger, united community.

SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: March 21, 2018
Date

J. Fiala
Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: March 21, 2018
Date

ATTEST: Tara Grimm
Tara Grimm, CMC
Clerk of Council

I, TARA GRIMM, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. _____, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON _____, 20_____.

(SEAL)

TARA GRIMM, CMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL