RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR
THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, TO BECOME A CITY OF
COMPASSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, is inhabited and surrounded by diverse cultures, religions, backgrounds, and people who deserve to live in a community that celebrates peace, unity and compassion; and,

WHEREAS, the accepting environment within the City can do more to create a web of harmony and acceptance that allows people to be comfortable as they are in the world; and,

WHEREAS, in becoming a Compassionate City, Little Rock will be able to spread the message of compassion to others and further embrace the responsibility for our actions that permit people to respect and empathize with others around them; and,

WHEREAS, becoming a Compassionate City will encourage citizens of Little Rock to work together to alleviate the problems of inequality and disrespectful behavior which will help to end the cycle of fear, superstition and ignorance that creates distrust, division and violence; and,

WHEREAS, compassion needs to be a priority in the City for the current and future generation as it can unite the citizens and allow everyone to celebrate each other’s differences and similarities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors endorses the City of Compassion program and agrees to support a three (3)-year Compassionate Cities Initiative, to endorse the City of Little Rock as an International Compassionate City, and proclaim September as Compassionate Cities Initiative and Compassion Little Rock Month.

Section 2. The City Manager is directed to take steps to implement the terms of this resolution and to comply with the Compassionate Cities Initiative.

Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 4. Repealer. All resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
ADOPTED: August 15, 2017

ATTEST:                      APPROVED:

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Susan Langley, City Clerk                      Mark Stodola, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney