

Resolution declaring that the City of La Crosse fully supports the La Crosse Compassion Project and joins the International Initiative for Compassionate Cities.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Compassion Project is a partnership project between the City of La Crosse, the School District of La Crosse, and other community agencies; and

WHEREAS, the principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat others as we wish to be treated; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain through actions based upon spite or self-interest; and

WHEREAS, compassion has the power to transcend selfishness by breaking down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries; and

WHEREAS, a growing network of individuals and groups organized around compassion are empowering our community to meet these growing needs; and

WHEREAS, the International Initiative for Compassionate Cities is a global campaign inspired by the Golden Rule (treat all others as you wish to be treated yourself) to raise awareness of the benefits of compassionate action; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the International Initiative for Compassionate Cities is to encourage city leadership from around the world to create and bring together efforts towards increasing compassion through local initiatives, policy, and projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby affirms and fully supports the La Crosse Compassion Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby joins the International Initiative for Compassionate Cities and directs the Mayor to sign the Charter of Compassion on behalf of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby recommends that the City of La Crosse explore the use of compassion as a key component to achieve our core objectives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse hereby seeks future opportunities for exploration and discussion on the role of compassion as an effective policy for our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that the work of this compassion initiative result in the development of policies, procedures, tactics, and practical guidance on the integration of compassion in programs to address the holistic wellness of our community, especially as it relates to those most at-risk.