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Carbondale Compassionate and Nonviolent Community Resolution

WHEREAS, from 2011-2018 dozens of community organizations and businesses have come together to organize seven 11 Days initiatives promoting peace and compassion in our community, with thousands of program participants; and

WHEREAS, three such initiatives were specifically entitled 11 Days for Compassion with dozens of programs focused on promoting compassionate action to real world struggles, such as poverty, veteran redeployment, and cross-cultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 11 Days for Compassion was emboldened by national grant support from the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, the Carbondale Public Library's leadership in the 2012 11 Days for Compassion earned the library a national award for Excellence in Library Programming from the American Library Association, awarded annually to a single library; and

WHEREAS, the Carbondale Public Library earmarked that \$5,000 award for future compassionate programs and initiatives and continues to accept donations earmarked for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 11 Days initiative brought together 34 organizations to host 41 programs and exhibits in 24 locations, showing overwhelming community investment in compassionate dialog and action; and

WHEREAS, Carbondale needs thoughtful, creative adults and youth who are compassionately engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nonviolent Carbondale, the Carbondale Public Library, the Carbondale Interfaith Council, the Human Relations Commission, the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship, Gaia House Interfaith Center, the Neighborhood Co-op, Revolution Recycling, the Newman Center and 39 individuals have all committed to supporting the Compassionate Community campaign; and

WHEREAS, Nonviolent Carbondale is promoting the Charter for Compassion and a long-term Compassionate Carbondale Campaign as important next steps for having Carbondale become known as a Compassionate Community in name and in actuality; and

WHEREAS, Nonviolent Carbondale and the Carbondale Public Library are dedicated to continuing to provide leadership for this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Nonviolent Carbondale's efforts have inspired the creation of a nationwide Nonviolent Cities Project launched by Nobel Peace Prize nominee John Dear, resulting in 50 Nonviolent Cities projects nationwide; and

WHEREAS, as a part of a long-term Compassionate Carbondale Campaign there will be opportunities to connect organizations that are in need of resources with community members and service organizations that can assist them; and

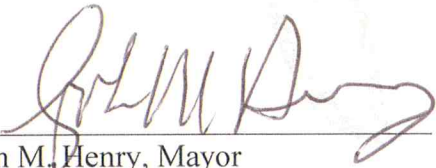
WHEREAS, by designating Carbondale as a Compassionate and Nonviolent Community we call on other cities in the region and beyond to join us in supporting the principle of compassion and acts of compassion, taking a leadership role in the international Compassionate Communities initiative; and

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WHEREAS the Carbondale community is known for its community service programs that address hunger, homelessness, abuse of women and children, and the need for educational opportunities for youth—all programs that are supported by many generous volunteers; and
WHEREAS, the City of Carbondale is also internationally known for its leadership and innovation in the continuing effort to promote the values of justice, equity and respect for all peoples; and
WHEREAS, a Compassionate Community deepens the quality and the extent to which its citizens embrace compassionate action in caring for its own fellow citizens regardless of differences; and
WHEREAS, as a community, we must prioritize compassion in our collective decision making; and
WHEREAS, we acknowledge our role and responsibility to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in Carbondale through ongoing educational efforts and deliberate actions;

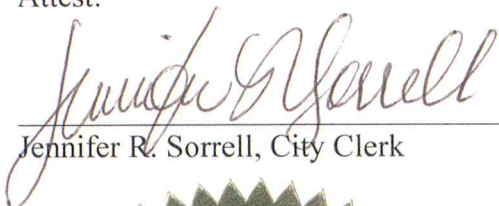
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Carbondale City Council affirm the Charter for Compassion, declare Carbondale a participant in a long-term campaign to become, strive toward, and sustain a Compassionate and Nonviolent Community, and continue to establish compassionate action initiatives in which our citizens, government, and both public and private institutions work together to embrace and apply compassionate solutions to potentially divisive problems, and encourage community service to meet the needs of our families, friends, communities, and neighbors.

This Resolution adopted and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Carbondale, Illinois, on the 9th day of October, 2018.

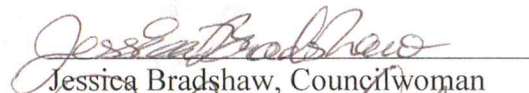


John M. Henry, Mayor

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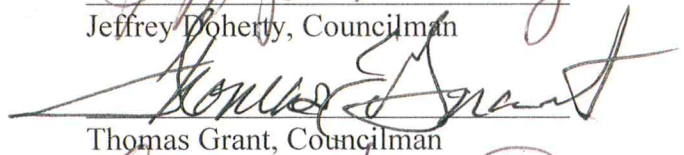
Jennifer R. Sorrell, City Clerk



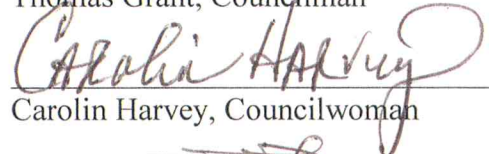
Jessica Bradshaw, Councilwoman



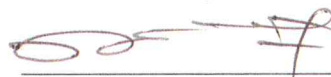
Jeffrey Doherty, Councilman



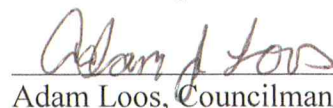
Thomas Grant, Councilman



Carolin Harvey, Councilwoman



Navreet Kang, Councilman



Adam Loos, Councilman

