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Item #5  
Revised Resolution,  
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(Redlined)  
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**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**, Austin recognizes 3 key dimensions of compassion and defines “3D” compassion as caring for others, self, and the Earth; and

**WHEREAS**, compassion skills can be learned and strengthened through practice; and

**WHEREAS**, research demonstrates that practicing compassion produces positive benefits in all sectors of civic and community life, including safety, public health, economy, physical, mental, and spiritual emotional well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin strives to be a livable city of peace, environmental sustainability, and well-being where all may thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution calling for “Compassion As An Effective Public Policy” was passed by the 81st Annual Meeting of the U.S Conference of Mayors in June 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, several Texas cities, including San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas/Fort Worth, are self-designated compassionate cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Compassion Games, such as Austin Recycles Games and annual Earth Week activities, are a creative way to encourage all of Austin in the to practice of 3D compassion to and strengthen compassion skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin and Travis County continue to strive to advance the quality of life for all residents, ~~in all communities throughout the community,~~ without regard to partisanship, and with the ~~conviction~~ awareness that people can and do have the capacity to improve their lives and make a positive difference in the lives of others,

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Council of Austin hereby affirms the Charter for Compassion and ~~authorizes~~ supports the City's ~~involvement~~ participation in the "Compassionate Communities Campaign" and the City's designation as a compassionate community, herein named "Compassionate Austin."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Council of Austin recognizes April 16-24 as "Serve the Earth Week" and, recognizing that "We are All Compassionate Austin," encourages ~~city-~~ departments, ~~area school districts, community and faith groups, and all residents~~ everyone to participate in Compassion Games during "Serve the Earth Week;" to identify, activate, celebrate and honor 3D compassionate action throughout the community; and encourages our community to ~~continue to~~ use the lens of compassion to develop policies, procedures, strategies, and practical guidance that affect all strata of our society ~~on the integration of compassion in day to day life to~~ address the holistic wellness of the community, especially of those most at risk.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk