CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG Rick Kriseman, Mayor

- WHEREAS, the City strives to be a place where the sun shines for all, and works to protect and promote the rights of the LGBT and disenfranchised communities, the homeless, the elderly, the youth, and the pet and animal residents of the city; and
- WHEREAS, the City recognizes the ongoing efforts to support Compassionate action all over the city, and pledges to continue these programs as well as continue to innovate and develop new ones; and
- WHEREAS, the City has been recognized as a City of Compassion by Somebody Cares Tampa Bay, and been awarded the Care Cup for the past consecutive 10 years for its efforts to bring volunteers together to work and give back to their communities and neighborhoods through its annual Carefest event; and
- WHEREAS, the City is promoting the Charter for Compassion as an important next step for affirming the principle of compassion and utilizing the Charter to stimulate volunteer community service projects; and
- WHEREAS, in partnership with The Connection Partners, Inc and The Florida Council of Churches, the City will invite neighborhoods, community organizations, faith-based groups, businesses and schools to partner and affirm the Charter and support these values; and
- WHEREAS, by designating St. Petersburg as a Compassionate City we call on other cities and municipalities to join us in supporting the principle of compassion and acts of compassion; and
- WHEREAS, a Compassionate City deepens the quality and the extent to which its citizens embrace compassionate action in caring for its own neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, and on behalf of the St. Petersburg City Council, do affirm the Charter for Compassion and proclaim our city to be a

CITY OF COMPASSION



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 13th day of