

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER MEMO

Agenda Item Number _____

Meeting Type: Regular

Meeting Date: 9/26/2013

Action Requested By:
Administration

Agenda Item Type
Resolution

Subject Matter:

Compassionate Cities Campaign

Exact Wording for the Agenda:

Resolution authorizing the City of Huntsville, Alabama's participation in the "Compassionate Cities" Campaign.

Note: If amendment, please state title and number of the original

Item to be considered for: Action

Unanimous Consent Required: Select...

Briefly state why the action is required; why it is recommended; what Council action will provide, allow and accomplish and; any other information that might be helpful.

This action is requested in order for the City of Huntsville to participate in the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities which seeks to support cities and nations in making compassion a clear, luminous force.

Associated Cost:

Budgeted Item: Not applicable

MAYOR RECOMMENDS OR CONCURS: Yes

Department Head: 

Date:

RESOLUTION NO. 13 - _____

Whereas, Huntsville, Alabama, is home to a diverse spectrum of individuals embodying the best of human values; and

Whereas, Huntsville is internationally renowned for excellence and compassion in the aerospace and defense industries; and

Whereas, the citizens of Huntsville regularly demonstrate compassion through one of the highest rates of per capita of charitable giving in Alabama; and

Whereas, by becoming part of a compassionate city, region, or nation, citizens become empowered to develop a sense of cooperation and reinvigorated hope; and

Whereas, scientific research reveals that the early intervention with compassionate policies with at-risk youth shows great promise for positive change; and

Whereas, compassion programs could ultimately save cities money that would otherwise be used for dealing with the costs associated with crime; and

Whereas, because local governments around the world cannot meet all of the needs of their citizens, a growing network of individuals and groups organized around compassion are empowering our community to meet the challenge of these needs; and

Whereas, residents of Huntsville are encouraged to unite in a commitment of compassion and to resolve to live compassionately; and

Whereas, the United States Conference of Mayors applauds the cities who have adopted compassion as a key policy for their communities; and

Whereas, the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities seeks to support cities and nations in making compassion a clear, luminous force in our polarized world; and

Whereas, by affirming the Compassionate Action Network's "Charter for Compassion" the City of Huntsville will become a participant in the Compassionate City Campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, hereby declare the month of October to be "Compassionate Action Month" in Huntsville, Alabama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Huntsville, Alabama, be declared a compassionate city; and

ADOPTED this the twenty-sixth day of September, 2013.

Council

President of the Huntsville City

Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the twenty-sixth day of September, 2013.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama