

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 15, 2017 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to endorse the City of Little Rock as an International Compassionate City</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>Endorsement of City involvement in the International Compassionate City Program.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>None. This is an introductory resolution to endorse the program and explore ways and means for City involvement.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the resolution.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>A program has developed around the Country where individual city governing bodies declare their municipality a City of Compassion. For example, on November 11, 2011, Mayor Greg Fischer of Louisville, Kentucky, signed a resolution that started a multi-year Compassionate Louisville Campaign. As a result, Louisville is now home to a critical mass of organizations that work to show compassion in all sorts of ways. It can be something as simple as clearing snow from a neighbor's sidewalk, helping to read to a struggling student or setting up partnerships to help people achieve their potential.</p> <p>This resolution does not commit the City to any expenditure of funds. Instead, it recognizes programs that are already in existence, and starts a process to determine who these programs can be best utilized in Little Rock.</p>	