

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-012

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
ADOPTING A CHARTER FOR COMPASSION FOR THE CITY**

WHEREAS, compassion is the act of showing kindness and a willingness to help others and the environment; and

WHEREAS, a plethora of modern research demonstrates the direct community and individual benefits of compassion; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate city dedicates itself to common efforts serving human needs and the natural environment on which everyone ultimately depends; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate city understands that all are connected and affect each other's well-being; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate city looks to expand collaboration and opportunity for all to flourish in health and dignity; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate city seeks to ensure that all live well: healthy and strong, rich in culture, cultivating relationships to promote the well-being of both individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate city ensures it is accountable to both current and future generations, meeting the needs and aspirations of present community members while preserving natural resources for those to come; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove has a long history of compassion and civic engagement; and


WHEREAS, diversity, inclusiveness, and multiculturalism make the City of Elk Grove a stronger, welcoming, and more vibrant city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby adopts this charter for compassion committing to the following principles:

- 1) Seek for all to thrive through active caring and concern for all people, especially those in need or distress;
- 2) Expand collaboration and opportunity for all to flourish in health and dignity;
- 3) Observe how well the community's basic needs are met and work together to find solutions to unmet needs so that all may live up to their potential and flourish;
- 4) Foster community building with an expanded sense of belonging to and with each other;
- 5) Encourage education in compassion principles and engagement of young people to build a foundation of sustainability and civic-mindedness;
- 6) Reach beyond what is comfortable to extend compassion with courage, purpose, and practice;
- 7) Use a lens of compassion in interactions, decisions, programs and budgets;
- 8) Focus attention on the well-being of people and the environment; and
- 9) Care about all people and the world.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to develop a Compassion Awards Program and guidelines to recognize the City's commitment to creating a compassionate community consistent with the above-described principles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 8th day of January 2020




STEVE LY, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY