Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Principles of Compassion encompass the core of a community’s ability to create a caring and inclusive place, a place that must be for all people and strive to bring about absolute justice, equity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, the International Charter for Compassion provides a global framework guided by the Golden Rule: to treat others as you wish others to treat you and these efforts also raise awareness of how hope and compassionate action can benefit communities and heal suffering; and

WHEREAS, the Compassionate Action Efforts permeate throughout the city every day and we pledge to continue these programs while developing innovative, new efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Charter for Compassion establishes our ability to affirm the principles of compassion and guide new volunteer community-service projects; and

WHEREAS, the Compassionate City Designation calls on other cities across the country to join us in supporting the principles and acts of compassion; and

WHEREAS, a Compassionate City empowers all its citizens to embrace compassionate action in caring for their neighbors and in doing so create a dynamic, thriving city that reinvigorates hope for a stronger, brighter future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Levar M. Stoney, Mayor of the City of Richmond, Virginia do hereby proclaim our city to be a

“City of Compassion”

and encourage all citizens to continue to practice compassion as a tool to create a more just, equitable city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed, the seal of the City of Richmond, this 30th day of April, 2020.

Levar M. Stoney, Mayor
City of Richmond