



# COMPASSIONATE TULSA

## Vision

A community and world becoming more and more compassionate.

## Mission

To champion and nurture the growth of compassion in Tulsa and surrounding communities, to highlight the compassion of others, and to alleviate suffering and bring healing through the focus on compassion.

## Values

**Compassion.** This is our shared purpose and principle. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect. Compassion is the bridge between internal practice and external change.

**Beauty.** Compassion calls for a beautiful morality. It seeks to see the beauty in what is, and to incorporate the shadow. If a morality has beauty, it is compassionate.

**Inclusion.** We welcome anyone and everyone who commits to compassion.

**Empowerment.** This campaign is about empowering people to make a difference in their own life and the lives of others. Compassion is not pity.

**Transparency.** There is no political agenda. This effort exists to enable compassionate living to help the citizens of our community reap the benefits that come from living a compassionate life – which are many.

**Universally Positive.** This effort is solely designed to advance compassionate action and will have no opinion on outside issues.

**Social Innovation.** Individuals and groups are free to embody compassion in their own ways. Social innovation is encouraged.

**Paying it forward.** Anyone who participates “owes” no one anything other than to “pay it forward.” People are encouraged to participate simply to experience first-hand the thrill and joy associated with compassionate living.

**Hospitality.** We will welcome guests in the name of compassion. Local, national, and international guests will be encouraged to come to exchange ideas and practices.

**Abundance.** What we have is enough if we share and if we allow it to flow. We have the capacity to provide what we need in the face of the human condition.

**Awareness/Understanding.** We strive to keep compassion in our daily thoughts and practice, and to understand the meaning of compassion and its relation to charity, justice and good works. We become increasingly aware of how we and others practice compassion and of opportunities to grow our practice of compassion.

**Intention.** We make a conscious choice to continually grow both our commitment and capacity for compassion. Our commitment to compassion moves us to practice compassion where we are able.

*If you want to bring happiness to others, practice compassion. If you want to bring happiness to yourself, practice compassion. –H. H. Dalai Lama*

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA,  
ADOPTING THE COMPASSIONATE TULSA STATEMENT  
AND DESIGNATING THE CITY OF TULSA A  
COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council believe that every human being is capable of acting compassionately toward every living person regardless of race, color, creed, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, or sexual orientation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Tulsa's location and abundance of opportunities have attracted a diverse population of religious, political, and ethnic groups; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Charter for Compassion was unveiled internationally on November 12, 2009; and Tulsa commemorated the unveiling of the Charter for Compassion on November 15, 2009; and over 58 communities world-wide have endorsed the Charter for Compassion and over 275 communities world-wide are currently organizing a compassionate action plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, compassion can promote interest, growth, and economic development in Tulsa by solidifying our city as a state, regional, and national leader in the quest for a better world that includes justice, equality, and respect for every person; and,

**WHEREAS**, countless individuals and groups within Tulsa are already engaging in acts of compassion,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA:**

**THAT** the City of Tulsa hereby affirms the message set forth in the Compassionate Tulsa statement (attached hereto);

**THAT** the City of Tulsa calls upon all of its citizens to live and act more compassionately in accordance with individual conscience and with the principles articulated by the Compassionate Tulsa statement;

**THAT** Tulsa, as the birthplace of the "Mother Road" Route 66, which connected a nation, is declared the "Mother Road of Compassion in America";

**THAT** Tulsa welcomes all people from around the world to learn of the commitment to compassion that exists here;

**THAT** the City of Tulsa calls upon the City's Human Rights Commission to cultivate compassion in Tulsa by establishing a Committee to partner with city-wide public and private entities to create a shared vision that will enhance positive change, civic engagement, and establish the City of Tulsa as a model "Compassionate Community" as designated by the Compassionate Tulsa statement.