WHEREAS, the Charter for Compassion was created by Karen Armstrong and the Council of Conscience in 2009 to urge the peoples and religions of the world to embrace the core value of compassion; and,

WHEREAS, the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities is a global effort inspired by the Golden Rule (to treat others as you wish to be treated yourself) to raise awareness of the benefits of compassionate action; and,

WHEREAS, its purpose is to encourage community leadership from around the world to create and bring together efforts towards increasing compassion through local initiatives, policy and projects; and,

WHEREAS, cities from Leiden, Netherlands to Appleton, WI are participating in the Campaign for Compassionate Cities; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution in June of 2013 to endorse the Campaign for Compassionate Cities; and,

WHEREAS, by designating the City of Decatur as a Compassionate City we call on other cities and municipalities to join us in supporting the principle of compassion and acts of compassion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved, by the City Commission of the City of Decatur, Georgia, that the City of Decatur is designated as a Compassionate City and signs onto the Charter of Compassion as attached hereto.

This 7th day of April, 2014.

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________
City Clerk