

**City of Toledo
Office of the Mayor
Proclaiming**

April as Compassion Month

April 1, 2014

WHEREAS, The City of Toledo has been a participant in the Campaign for Compassionate Cities; Toledo City Council passed Resolution 430-13 on September 17, 2013 supporting the work of communities involved in the Compassionate Action Network International effort; and

WHEREAS, As part of the process to become a Compassionate City, the basic principle of the Golden Rule will be adopted by the City of Toledo in the form of a Charter for Compassion. One section is especially important to our community as it calls upon our citizenry to, "to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies;" and

WHEREAS, I encourage residents of our City to follow the tenets of the Campaign for Compassionate Cities and to participate in the events of Compassion Month which can be found on the website, compassionatotoledo.org; and

WHEREAS, I am honored to be the signor of Toledo's document which will take place on April 25, 2014 during a ceremony involving other area leaders. In advance of that date, as Mayor of the City of Toledo, I proclaim the month of April in 2014 to be "Compassion Month" in the City of Toledo.

NOW THEREFORE, I, D. Michael Collins, Mayor of the City of Toledo do hereby proclaim April as Compassion Month



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL
SEAL OF THE CITY TOLEDO TO BE AFFIXED
HERETO THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2014.**

D. Michael Collins

D. MICHAEL COLLINS, MAYOR