

Proclamation Of the Mayor Of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS, Compassion Week brings people of all ages and abilities together for a week in October to engage in acts of service and build a strong, compassionate, and empathetic community; and

WHEREAS, since its inception by the Los Altos United Methodist Church in 2012, over 21,000 volunteers have participated in Compassion Week activities, supporting over 85 nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, through volunteer opportunities, community participants expand their understanding of local and global needs; and

WHEREAS, Compassion Week 2023 is operated in partnership with multiple local faith communities, the Los Altos Mountain View Community Foundation, County of Santa Clara Supervisor Joe Simitian, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Compassion Week Los Altos offers Employees time off to participate in volunteer opportunities including, Making Paracord Bracelets for U.S. military personnel, Downtown Clean-up, Preparing Dinner at a Homeless Shelter, Assembling Hygiene Kits for Homeless Neighbors, and Cleaning Kits for Refugee Families; and

WHEREAS, Los Altos Employee Volunteers include staff from the Police Department, Executive Team and City Manager's Office, Public Works, Human Resources, and Finance; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sally Meadows, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council, do declare the week of October 7 through October 15, 2023 as:

"COMPASSION WEEK 2023"

We invite all residents to unite together in service to our community and we appreciate volunteers whose efforts strengthen our City and improve the lives of our neighbors.

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 10th day of October 2023.

Sally Meadows, MAYOR