

## RESOLUTION NO. 5-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN TRAFFIC SAFETY REGARDING DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, motor vehicle accidents caused by intoxicated drivers are the most frequently committed crimes in America; and

WHEREAS, local governmental agencies are actively supporting the recommendations of the National Commission Against Drunk Driving, and other national organizations regarding driving while intoxicated and related offenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas endorses enactment of comprehensive legislation to alleviate the continuing harm and damage to property caused by intoxicated drivers. Such countermeasures should include but not be limited to the following state legislative actions:

- 1) An open container law, as defined in SB 2 of 1982;
- 2) A 0.05 percent blood alcohol level as per se evidence of impairment;
- 3) Administrative revocation of drivers' licenses for at least 90 days on first offense D.W.I. or refusal to take the alcohol test;
- 4) Mandatory imprisonment or community service for D.W.I. offenders or for driving with suspended or revoked licenses;
- 5) Preliminary alcohol testing of D.W.I. suspects before arrest;
- 6) D.W.I. plea bargaining excluded;
- 7) Withdraw drivers' licenses of persons under the age of 21 years, under they reach the age of 21 years, for D.W.I. conviction or alcohol test refusal;
- 8) Consider a D.W.I. offender who has caused the death of another person to have committed voluntary manslaughter rather than involuntary manslaughter as at present. Anyone who drinks alcohol and drives does so voluntarily. He should be responsible for his actions--and deserves the more severe penalties;
- 9) A minimum treatment of three months in an alcohol rehabilitation center for repeat D.W.I. offenders;

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10) Raise the taxes on alcoholic beverages to help finance this program.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Representative Bill Blackwood with the request for any assistance he may be able to provide in this important matter.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage as the law in such cases provides.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, A.D., 1987.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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