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RESOLUTION NO. 10-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR GIFT OF DANGEROUS DRUGS TO MINORS BY ADULTS AND TO CONSIDER A MANDATORY PRISON SENTENCE FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THIS LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, any decent society recognizes the need for special protection for its children from those who would prey upon them; and

WHEREAS, there are presently laws in force making it a crime to involve children in alcoholic beverages, sex and pornography and a special class of crime for endangering children and for assaults on children; and

WHEREAS, the problem of drug addition among children is at least as serious a threat to our society as any other problem presently facing this nation, this state and this city;

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 supports the legislature of the State of Texas and the Congress of the United States to create a special category of crime prohibiting the sale or gift of dangerous drugs to minors by adults. The legislature is further urged to consider creating a mandatory prison sentence for any violation of this law.

SECTION 2. This body recognizes that it has no expertise in writing criminal statutes, defining terms or intergrating this proposed law with other penal statutes of the State and of the nation; it has no desire to try to regulate the lawful practice of medicine or the administering of drugs necessary for health by a parent or medical personnel; it desires only to urge the enactment of laws to discourage those who would deal drugs to children.

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 6th day of April, A.D., 1987.

George A. Venner, Sr.
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Mayor

ATTEST:

Lynn Prugel
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City Secretary