

RESOLUTION NO. 30-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, JOINING THE NORTH TEXAS POISON CENTER AND THE TEXAS STATE POISON CONTROL COORDINATING COMMITTEE ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO FUND THE PROVISIONS OF HB 791 FOR STATE SUPPORT OF A SIX CENTER SYSTEM OF POISON CONTROL BY PROVIDING EQUALIZED FUNDING.

WHEREAS, in an act relating to emergency medical services, HB 791, the 71st Legislature of the State of Texas passed enabling legislation for the coordination and support of a statewide system of poison and drug information services and the allocation of funding to support the creation and stabilization of such a system, and

WHEREAS, a Texas State Poison Control Coordinating Committee was established by the above mentioned legislation and has a stated mission to establish and maintain a state-wide poison control network for the purpose of reducing incidence, severity and cost of poisoning; provide informational services to health care professionals; and maximize available resources, and

WHEREAS, the North Texas Poison Center was established through a public/private partnership following a COG study defining poison control as the missing part of a regional EMS system, and

WHEREAS, the North Texas Poison Center has been receiving an increased volume of calls following the implementation of 9-1-1 state-wide and the increased awareness of all EMS providers of the importance of poison control centers offering 800 service, and

WHEREAS, the increased call volume has placed a staffing burden on the two regional centers in the state offering 800 service, creating a budgetary crisis endangering the continuation of that service, and

WHEREAS, the North Texas Poison Center, which has since 1984 provided immediate life saving information to the citizens of the City of Mesquite reducing the need for emergency transports and unnecessary hospital admissions, and

WHEREAS, 63% of the calls involve children under the age of 6 and it is our duty to protect our youngest population;

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

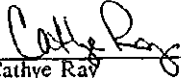
**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Mesquite join the North Texas Poison Center, the Texas State Poison Center and the Texas Association of Poison Centers, in encouraging the State Legislature to fund the provisions of HB 791, the enabling legislation for state support of a six center system of poison control, providing further economies for the citizens of Texas by reducing the necessity for higher cost

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emergency response and by providing equalized funding across counties served, by population.

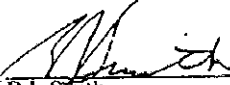
DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on this 5th day of October, 1992.

  
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Cathye Ray  
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
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Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary

  
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B.J. Smith  
City Attorney