

RESOLUTION NO. 77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, URGING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ADOPT AND ENACT LEGISLATION PROVIDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR PERSONS WHO ABUSE AND MURDER CHILDREN AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, has determined that Texas is experiencing an overwhelming problem with child abuse which ultimately leads to the death of the abused child; and

WHEREAS, child abuse alone is a horrendous crime which should carry a heavy penalty, child abuse resulting in death is a crime deserving of extraordinary punishment; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Penal Code as it presently stands does not provide for the death penalty for the crime of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the State of Texas has determined that it would provide for a death penalty for the crime of killing a child in the course of or as a result of child abuse; and

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, hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Texas to enact legislation providing capital punishment for the crime of child abuse resulting in death, and to provide for the effective date of the enactment of such legislation to be the date of the enactment of such legislation by the Legislature.

SECTION 2. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Texas to enact legislation providing capital punishment for the crime of child abuse resulting in death, and to provide for the effective date of the enactment of such legislation to be the date of the enactment of such legislation by the Legislature.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, this 15th day of February, 1977.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

ATTESTED:

City Clerk