

RESOLUTION NO. 06-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES WHICH PROVIDE FOR INCREASED PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (INCLUDING "ASHLEY'S LAWS" AS ENACTED BY THE 74th TEXAS LEGISLATURE), EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THOSE CITY OF MESQUITE PROGRAMS WHICH ENHANCE CHILD SAFETY, AND URGING PARENTS TO EXERCISE DILIGENCE IN ENSURING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN OF MESQUITE, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, the State of Texas, and the United States of America have experienced isolated incidents of inexplicable crimes against children, including abductions, sexual assaults, and murders; and

WHEREAS, crimes against children are among the most serious and the most contemptible and the most fear-inducing crimes imaginable; and

WHEREAS, one of society's foremost responsibilities is the protection of children, who represent innocence and purity and who constitute the future of our society; and

WHEREAS, no effort should be spared in providing for the protection of our children;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council go on record as strongly supporting legislative initiatives intended to provide additional protection from crime for the children of Texas, including "Ashley's Laws" as enacted by the 74th Texas Legislative session and signed by Governor Bush.

SECTION 2. That the City Council go on record as strongly supporting the efforts of the Mesquite Police Department which are intended to enhance the safety of the children of Mesquite, including:

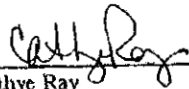
- Registration of sex offenders;
- Publication of Sex Offender Registration information;
- Release to interested parties of Sex Offender Registration information;
- Notification of the school superintendent on Sex Offender Registration;
- Notification of the school superintendent on student arrests;
- Support of "Operation Kidprint;"
- Presentation of "Stranger Danger/Leave Me Alone" programs; and
- Pro-active patrol and investigative initiatives.

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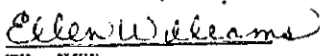
SECTION 3. That parents in the City of Mesquite be strongly encouraged to closely monitor their children's activities for safety and security, and that they be strongly encouraged to take advantage of the many programs offered by the Mesquite Independent School District and by the City of Mesquite which are intended to maximize the safety of their children.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 4th day of March, 1996.



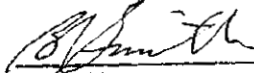
Cathye Ray
Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellen Williams
City Secretary

APPROVED:



B. J. Smith
City Attorney