RESOLUTION NO. 419

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE AND CRIME VICTIMS UNITED TO AMEND ARTICLE I, SECTION 15 OF THE OREGON CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, Citizens for Justice and Crime Victims United is a grassroots organization promoting renewed attention to protection of the rights of victims and witnesses by the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, passage in 1986 of the Victims Rights Initiative was a crucial first step in redressing this perceived emphasis; and

WHEREAS, a proposal will be introduced in the 1989 Oregon Legislative Assembly, sponsored by Citizens for Justice and Crime Victims United, to amend Article I, Section 15 of the Oregon Constitution to read as follows: "Laws for the punishment of crime shall be based upon the principles of protection of society and reformation and not of vindictive justice"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would serve as a strong statement to emphasize citizens' concerns for the rights of victims and witnesses in criminal proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Canby that it pledges its support of the proposal by Citizens for Justice and Crime Victims United to amend Article I, Section 15 of the Oregon Constitution, and encourages the support of same by its constituent cities, their police departments and municipal court.

ADOPTED by the Canby City Council this 2nd day of November, 1988.

ATTEST:

City Recorder Perkett,