

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE )  
INABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS )  
TO DEAL WITH JUVENILE OFFENDERS )  
AND ASKING THAT STATE LEGISLATION )  
BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM )

RESOLUTION NO. 29  
for 1986

WHEREAS, the Lebanon City Council has been addressed both formally and informally with regard to juvenile problems experienced by residents and business operators; and

WHEREAS, the legislation in 1983 enacted a law which for all practical purposes prohibited the prehearing incarceration of juveniles with the exception of those accused and likely to commit serious felonies; and

WHEREAS, the 1985 legislation made modest changes in that law but still the law does not enable the justice system to remove repeat offenders from the community or to post bail; and

WHEREAS, the Lebanon Police Department has reported arresting a few juveniles many times and finding that their only alternative is to hold the individual for three hours and then release them back on to the streets; and

WHEREAS, there is a concern that if juveniles are allowed to burglarize, arson and thieve at will that a state of terrorism will exist and the likelihood of vigilante activity will increase.

NOW THEREFORE, the members of the Lebanon City Council do hereby resolve:

That the State must reverse its current direction towards downsizing and eliminating bedspace at the MacLaren Juvenile Facility.

Further, that the State should continue to provide bedspace in Linn County for offenders who do not respond to other counseling and rehabilitation efforts; and

Further, that the State provide legislation which will require either the juvenile or a parent or guardian to be responsible at least financially for the acts of a juvenile; and

Further, that the Criminal Justice System including the State, keep in mind that there must be consequences for criminal acts and that the tenet be considered in preparing policy and administrative direction for the Criminal Justice System specifically the Juvenile System; and

Further that "Electronic House Arrest" be used as one deterrent for repeat offenders.

This resolution adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor this 13th of August, 1986.

ATTEST:  
Allen L. Henderson  
City Administrator

Robert Sturil  
Mayor