

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
OCEANSIDE SUPPORTING THE SEXUAL PUNISHMENT AND  
CONTROL ACT OF 2006, KNOWN AS "JESSICA'S LAW"

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside currently places a high priority on maintaining public safety through highly skilled and trained law enforcement, as well as laws that deter and punish criminal behavior;

WHEREAS, California has many loopholes in its laws that allow sex offenders to be released early from prison and these penalties must be strengthened to adequately protect the public;

WHEREAS, Global Positioning System technology is an useful tool for monitoring sexual predators and other felony convicted sex offenders and is a cost-effective measure for parole supervision, and it is critical to monitor these offenders when they are no longer in prison;

WHEREAS, child pornography exploits children and robs them of their innocence, and statistics show a correlation between possessing child pornography and predators who molest children and use child pornography to aid in their molestation;

WHEREAS, the universal use of the Internet has ushered in an era of increased risk to children by predators using this technology as a tool to lure children away from their homes and into dangerous situations, and to reflect society's disapproval of this type of activity, adequate penalties must be enacted to ensure predators cannot escape prosecution;

WHEREAS, California is one of a few states that have enacted laws allowing involuntary civil commitments for persons identified as sexually violent predators, which does not provide for indeterminate commitments, and California allows for a jury trial every two years irrespective of whether there is any evidence to suggest or prove that the committed person is no longer a sexually violent predator, and as such, this act allows California to protect the civil rights of those persons committed as a sexually violent predator while at the same time protect society and the system from unnecessary or frivolous jury trial actions where there is no

1 competent evidence to suggest a change in the committed person;

2 WHEREAS, Californians should be in a better position to keep themselves, their  
3 children, and their communities safe from the threat posed by sex offenders; and

4 WHEREAS, California must take additional steps to monitor sex offenders, to protect  
5 the public from them, and to provide adequate penalties for and safeguards against sex  
6 offenders, particularly those who prey on children, and existing laws that punish aggravated  
7 sexual assault, habitual sexual offenders, and child molesters must be strengthened and  
8 improved, and existing laws that provide for the commitment and control of sexually violent  
9 predators must be strengthened and improved; and

10 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

11 SECTION 1. The City of Oceanside, California, supports the Sexual Punishment and  
12 Control Act of 2006 known as "Jessica's Law".

13 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,  
14 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by the following vote:

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16 AYES:

17 NAYS:

18 ABSENT:

19 ABSTAIN:

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21 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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25 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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28 City Clerk

*Robert Hamilton*, ASSISTANT  
City Attorney