

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD BE HELD

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the present constitution of the State of Indiana was adopted in the year 1851; and

Whereas, the State of Indiana, at the time of the adoption of its constitution, was predominately rural; and

Whereas, the State, since the adoption of its constitution has evolved from a rural to an industrial state; and

Whereas, there have been few changes in the basic law because of the difficulties in amending the constitution; and

Whereas, the change in the economy of the State from rural to industrial accompanied by the vast changes in transportation facilities, population, living habits, conditions and needs of the people would seem to require a thorough study and evaluation of the fundamental law of the State; and

Whereas, this study and evaluation, if needed, can best be accomplished through a constitutional convention; and

Whereas, the people have not had an opportunity to express their opinion since 1914 on whether there is a need to study, re-evaluate and possibly change provisions of the Constitution; and

Whereas, the Indiana Municipal League in convention assembled on the 14th day of September, 1965, adopted a resolution in support of a referendum to the people on the question of whether Indiana should call a constitutional convention; and

Whereas, it seems that the people of Indiana, after a lapse of 53 years, should and of right ought to be given the opportunity to again voice their opinion as to the advisability of a constitutional convention;

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Lebanon feels that a re-evaluation of the Indiana Constitution should consider a change in the manner of reapportionment to permit one House of the Indiana General Assembly to be reapportioned upon factors other than population, the principle of which is incorporated in the so-called "Dirksen Amendment";

A RESOLUTION

Whereas: The passing of Raymond R. Heath on May 22, 1966, leaves The City of Lebanon with a feeling of profound regret, and;

Whereas: Rudy was one of our City's finest and most capable Police Officers, and;

Whereas: He had served this City for some twenty-two years in that capacity, never failing any administration in carrying out his duties in a most efficient manner, being always ready to face any emergency, and;

Whereas: With his keen insight into matters of law and order and his unfailing judgement, with regard to human nature, he made himself respected by adults and children in all walks of life and well liked by everyone;

NOW THEREFORE: We the Administrators of said City of Lebanon, do cause to be spread of record, this resolution expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dorothy Heath, to Vicky and Judy and to all other members of Rudy's family.

HEREUNTO: We set our hands and the seal of The City of Lebanon, this twenty-third day of May, 1966, and do cause a copy of this document to be transmitted to the bereaved family.

H.L. Ransdell Mayor

Laura E. Hughes

John W. Donaldson City Atty.

John Wild

Raymond E. Daily

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