RESOLUTION NO. <u>2974</u>

A RESOLUTION TO RESIST EFFORTS TO LEGALIZE POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

WHEREAS, the best available scientific evidence and statistical data has established an indisputable link between the use of illicit psychoactive drugs and sociopathological behavior; and

WHEREAS, that behavior imposes a heavy toll on our youth, families, taxpayers, businesses, and society in general and as examples, is evidenced by the growing number of drug-affected infants, by the rising rate of domestic abuse and violence, the increasing incidence of drug-related crime, and the lost productivity in the workplace, as well as its effect on soaring health care costs; and

WHEREAS, "we the people" have strived for more than 200 years to develop and preserve a body of law that reflects our individual rights and social values and have always been ready to battle against forces, whether from within or without, that threaten the lives and well being of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, any effort to legalize the possession, manufacture, sale, and distribution of drugs that leads to a denial of those precious rights and time tested values is tantamount to an admission that law and its enforcement no longer serves as our beacon and protector.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany, Oregon, does hereby decree that we are in strict opposition to <u>any</u> effort to legalize any connection with drugs which is now unlawful.

DATED this 8th day of August, 1990.

ATTEST:

Recorder