

PRESENTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF MENASHA
REPRESENTING ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

WHEREAS, the good name and reputation of the City of Menasha cannot be sustained when any considerable number of its citizens openly defy the law, and the law enforcement officers knowingly tolerate such open defiance; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of our churches and schools to teach and educate our citizens, particularly the children, in the principles of upright and intelligent citizenship are rendered ineffective when city officials are neglectful of their sworn duties; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and each and every member of the Common Council, and each and every member of the Police Department are sworn to uphold and enforce the law; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has caused orders to be issued by the Chief of Police threatening the arrest and punishment of persons riding bicycles on the sidewalks of the city, or soliciting rides from motorists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Menasha do hereby officially recognize the following facts:

FIRST: That there exist in the city far greater abuses of law and order than the riding of bicycles on sidewalks and hitch-hiking;

SECOND: That slot machines and gambling devices of various kinds, expressly forbidden by law, have been operated of late in numerous business establishments and other places in the city;

THIRD: The presence of these machines is a direct incentive to the practice of gambling on the part of our young people;

FOURTH: Money spent in these devices is all too frequently at the expense of wives, mothers, and children, who are thus deprived of the benefits, comforts, and necessities rightly theirs;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police, Alex Slomski, be, and he is hereby ordered to enforce the law governing such devices, in strict accordance with his sworn duty, and to issue effective orders to all men under his supervision, to the end that the slot machine and gambling racket in this city shall be completely and permanently stamped out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Police and Fire Commission be, and it is hereby requested to take official notice of this, and, in the event that this order is not complied with, to enter official charges against such officer or officers who may fail, neglect, or refuse to enforce the law in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Attorney of Winnebago County be, and he is hereby requested to do his full duty in seeing that the laws are enforced in this matter, and that the City Clerk be, and he is hereby instructed to convey this request to the District Attorney, together with a copy of this resolution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the members of the Common Council do hereby recognize the fact that the law has vested in each and every one of them the powers of a police officer, and that with such powers is a corresponding duty to see that laws are enforced, to the end that law and order may prevail and the good name of the city be sustained, and that our citizens and their children may be afforded the right which is theirs to live in a community of which they may be rightly proud.

Dated this 20th day of October, 1936.