RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to adopt sentencing laws and procedures that both protect public safety and appropriately recognize the mitigating considerations of age and maturity of youthful offenders i.e., those under age 18 i.e., those who have not reached the age of majority at the time of their offense who are subject to adult penalties upon conviction, by enacting sentencing laws and rules of procedure that will:

1. Eliminate life without the possibility of release or parole for youthful offenders both prospectively and retroactively;
2. Provide youthful offenders with meaningful periodic opportunities for release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation beginning at a reasonable point into their incarceration, considering the needs of the victims.

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