

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1989 convention delegates)

ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS REGARDING OBSCENE AND PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

WHEREAS, New forms of pornography have emerged such as Dial-A-Porn and computerized child pornography businesses which make pornography more accessible to children and utilize children to a greater extent in its production, and

WHEREAS, There are new findings by the United States Government through the Federal Commission on Pornography showing a further evidence of a casual link between pornography and sex crimes, and

WHEREAS, There has been a continuing increase in serious sex crimes committed by and victimizing children, and

WHEREAS, New legislation such as the "Child Protection and Obscenity Act of 1987" and the "Dial-A-Porn Control Act" has emerged, and

WHEREAS, Public awareness and willingness to act on the problem of pornography has recently increased due to national media exposure, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA make available to their constituent organizations the newest information concerning the effects of pornography on children and society and distribute updated information on the recent legislation concerning Dial-A-Porn child pornography laws, and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA be the lead organizations in forming a coalition with other national organizations interested in limiting the availability of pornography to minors and eradicating the use of children in pornography, and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA encourage letter writing campaigns by their constituent bodies or other activities that actively encourage video stores or other general business establishments to remove from public display pornographic material and make such material unavailable to minors; and be it further

- Resolved. That the Colorado PTA and National PTA encourage their constituent bodies to monitor television programs, commercials, and movie previews and encourage letter writing campaigns and stronger measures should letter writing campaigns fail to advertisers of shows and/or previews which expose children to ideas or images of pornographic sexual exploitation; and be it further
- Resolved. That the Colorado PTA and National PTA publicly urge local district attorneys to rigidly enforce existing laws; and be it further
- Resolved. That the Colorado PTA and National PTA encourage their constituent bodies to urge the passage of new legislation to limit the transmission of Dial-A-Porn services between calling lines within individual states.

POSITION STATEMENT (1994)

Colorado PTA takes a position to SUPPORT this proposed amendment. Colorado PTA has a long history of supporting legislative attempts to control the distribution of obscene materials, including the resolution passed at convention in 1993. Colorado PTA members are encouraged to become active participants in all attempts to pass this measure.

Resolved. That the Colorado PTA and National PTA urge their constituent bodies to secure legislation at the state and national levels to define "realistic graphic violence"; shootings, murders, rapes, etc., and to restrict the networks and local stations from showing said violence before 9 PM local time; and that legislation be passed requiring networks, local stations and/or the Federal Communications Commission to more closely monitor movie previews and other questionable commercials during prime time.