

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1989 convention delegates)

### TELEVISION VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, Too many children watch, on the average, 20-30 hours of television each week, countless hours unsupervised, which may stifle creativity and hamper social and emotional development, and

WHEREAS, Numerous studies indicate a definite correlation between viewing TV violence and aggressive behavior, and that viewing programs violent in nature encourages children to solve problems in an aggressive manner, and

WHEREAS, Children's right to be free from the detrimental exposure to television violence is being violated, and

WHEREAS, Graphically violent movie previews are being shown during prime time, and

WHEREAS, Broadcasting companies are currently self-regulated and many have cut back drastically in their reviewing and censoring departments because of financial restrictions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA urge their state congresses, districts, councils and local units to conduct a letter campaign to advertisers of violent programming urging them to review their advertising policies on such shows; and be it further

Resolved, That if a letter campaign is not effective, stronger measures be considered; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA through their state congresses, districts, councils, and local units educate parents, teachers, and children on how to use television as a tool for teaching and learning good viewing habits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA and National PTA encourage their constituent bodies to join forces with citizen groups to address the problem of television violence and solicit cooperation from networks and advertisers; and be it further

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.