

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1988 convention delegates)

### TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS, Eighty to ninety percent of long term lung diseases such as emphysema, and chronic bronchitis are related to smoking; and
- WHEREAS, More than 550,000 Americans will die of coronary heart disease this year, and up to 30 percent of those deaths will be attributable to cigarette smoking; and
- WHEREAS, Evidence shows that smoking during pregnancy has an adverse effect on the fetus and the health of the newborn; and
- WHEREAS, Evidence shows that chewing tobacco increases the chances of oral cancer; and
- WHEREAS, Schools with smoking courts can provide opportunities for drug use and transactions; and
- WHEREAS, The use of tobacco products is an addictive behavior; and
- WHEREAS, Students are exposed daily to role models in positions of authority who do smoke; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the Colorado PTA, its Councils and Local Units, urge school boards and school districts to establish tobacco free schools; and, be it further
- Resolved, That PTAs participate in policy setting committees in their local schools; and, be it further
- Resolved, That tobacco education be included in wellness programs to educate staff, students, and parents on the dangers of tobacco products, as well as the benefits for not using tobacco products; thereby establishing non-smoking as a school norm.