

YEAR OF THE YOUNG READER  
1989

WHEREAS, Books and reading are the basic nourishment of a growing mind that form a foundation for all other learning, and

WHEREAS, Developing children into readers today is the best way of ensuring a literate and informed Colorado citizenry of tomorrow, and

WHEREAS, Providing access to books will serve to support the State Board of Education's goal of increasing academic achievement, and

WHEREAS, Studies have reported a decline in book reading among young people in recent years, and

WHEREAS, Since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence in Education, the Commission on Reading and the Librarian of Congress have urged this Nation to give renewed attention to encouraging a love of books and reading among our young people, and

WHEREAS, All Colorado residents can play an important role in nurturing a love of reading in young people; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA endorse efforts by the Colorado Center for the Book and the Colorado State Library to celebrate 1989 as the Year of the Young Reader and encourage parents, educators, librarians, child care providers and concerned citizens to help sponsor and participate in the Year of the Young Reader activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA urge local units to make reading projects a priority during 1989, particularly those efforts that reach out to parents of children that are educationally at risk; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA urge all Coloradans to strive during 1989 to help nurture a love of reading among the state's young people by reading aloud to children, by setting an example through reading for pleasure and by encouraging young persons, particularly those educationally at risk, to take advantage of the resources available to them through Colorado's public libraries and school library media centers.