WHEREAS, Throughout the State of Colorado there is a need for greater understanding in the area of human relations, and

WHEREAS, There is a need for equal education opportunity for all children and youth in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, There are many numbers of children and youth from different cultural backgrounds who are hindered in the regular school progress because of limited English language skills, and

WHEREAS, Colorado is made up of many different ethnic and cultural groups, and

WHEREAS, Colorado has two such major cultural groups such as the Native American and the Spanish surnamed, and

WHEREAS, There is a need for meaningful bridges between the home and the schools, and

WHEREAS, There is a need to build a stronger partnership between the schools and the community, especially with people of other cultural backgrounds, and

WHEREAS, The dropout rate among children and youth of different ethnic backgrounds is disproportionately higher in our public schools, and

WHEREAS, The Bilingual Education Concept can help prevent remedial programs, reduce dropout rate and limit the numbers in special education, and

WHEREAS, Bilingual Education is using English and a partner language as medium for instruction, the partner language being the main second language in the community, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the PTAs at all organizational levels in the State of Colorado be encouraged to support and promote the development of bilingual-multicultural education in their schools.

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