RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1988 convention delegates)

BROADENING INVOLVEMENT IN PTA

WHEREAS, One of the challenges of the PTA is to meet the needs of a new kind of membership, one that is very diverse in nature and that includes more fathers and working mothers than ever before, and

WHEREAS, A diverse pool of PTA members is needed in order to develop solutions to the complex problems facing today's children and youth, and

WHEREAS, Research reveals that the key to making a positive impact on children's lives is the involvement of all parents, regardless of economic status, time-consuming work schedules, race or gender, and

WHEREAS, The Colorado PTA is directed through a 1987 resolution to foster "Human Relations in a Pluralistic Society"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved. That the Colorado PTA increase the human relations skills of its leaders through programs designed to raise awareness of the need to involve all parents in PTA work including peoples of all cultures, age, sex, geographic locations, and family structures; and be it further

Resolved. That the Colorado PTA, its Councils, and Local Units develop means to increase the involvement of parents who have not previously joined or have been under-represented in the PTA, particularly those who may need help if their children are to succeed in school and life; and be it further

Resolved. That the Colorado PTA, its Councils, and Local Units conduct programs that will provide parents of children currently in school, as well as those who have children not yet attending school, with the parenting skills they need to make a positive impact on the lives of their children; and be it further

Resolved. That the Colorado Board of Directors, its Councils, and Local units develop means for a broader leadership base involving and encouraging minority parents in PTA leadership positions and in the work of the PTA.