RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1987 convention delegates)

HUMAN RELATIONS IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

WHEREAS, Human relations is the interaction of one individual with another; adult with adult, youth with youth, parent with children, student with teacher, youth with adult, teacher/administrator with parent; and

WHEREAS, Human relations also includes relationships of various groups; professional, social, political, racial, and socio-economic; and

WHEREAS, Lack of understanding of each other leads to many human ills, such as: disruption of family life, racial tension, a gap in youth-adult understanding, failure of youth in school, increase of self-destructive behavior, loss of self-esteem and value; and

WHEREAS, A 1986 opinion survey conducted by the Colorado Department of Education confirms that school board members and local community leaders rank human relations through civics/citizenship among the top three areas needing more emphasis in the schools, with a majority of the respondents in favor of spending more time on broadening understanding of cultures, economies, geography, and political systems; and

WHEREAS, The illness of human relations leads to the tragic waste of human potential, therefore be it

Resolved. That PTAs in Colorado foster programs and projects to facilitate positive interaction between the diverse racial, economic, and age groups represented in the state to promote a mutual appreciation among the peoples of this state; and be it further

Resolved. That PTAs seek to identify, in cooperation with the public and private sectors, those common values which are sensitive to differences in a pluralistic society; and be it further

Resolved. That PTAs focus on bettering human relations in Colorado so that Colorado children can have a warmer, more understanding and creative climate in which to grow.