RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1985 convention delegates)

MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

WHEREAS, In 1984, 1,200 children were reported missing in Colorado.

WHEREAS, There is growing concern and alarm on the part of children, parents and community members in regard to the problem of missing and exploited children; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that there is a need for action to be taken in certain target areas including the need for community based comprehensive prevention and education programs for children, parents and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, There are wide discrepancies in policies and practices, the need exists for updated release-from-school policies, mandatory call-back programs enlisting the aid and cooperation of local law enforcement agencies, review and revision of policies with regard to Helping Hand and similar programs; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a centralized communication network for the circulation and distribution of information and pictures of missing children to school districts and individual schools; therefore be it

Resolved. That Colorado PTA advocate comprehensive state legislation with regard to missing and exploited children; and

Resolved. That Colorado PTA assume an active leadership role in the development and implementation of such legislation; and

Resolved. That Colorado PTA promote active community prevention and education programs for children, parents and community members; and

Resolved. That Colorado PTA encourage the development of a communication network among school systems for the dissemination of pictures and information pertaining to missing children; and