RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1988 convention delegates)

UNRATED VIOLENT VIDEO FILMS

WHEREAS, The primary object of PTA is "To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community", and

WHEREAS, An additional stated object of the PTA is "To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth", and

WHEREAS, The National PTA has adopted resolutions urging rating systems for motion pictures, records, tapes and cassettes, and

WHEREAS, The PTA respects first amendment rights to free speech, and

WHEREAS, Film representations or other forms of motion pictures have been produced which: (a) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, predominantly appeals to the interest in violence; and (b) The work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, repeated acts of actual, not simulated, violence resulting in serious bodily injury or death; and (c) The work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and

WHEREAS, The rental of video cassettes for personal use has become a major business, and

WHEREAS, Businesses which rent, sell or otherwise furnish video cassettes/discs are not restricted by law or self-regulation, and

WHEREAS, Makers of films may elect not to submit their products to the rating process as developed and provided by the Motion Picture Industry, and

WHEREAS, These film representations or other forms of motion pictures have not been submitted to rating by the Motion Picture Industry; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA reaffirm the resolutions of National PTA supporting rating of films; and be it further
Resolved. That the Colorado PTA provide an intense educational program about
the possibility of detrimental effects to children to its membership
regarding such film representations and other forms of motion
pictures herein described and commonly called snuff films"; and be it
further

Resolved. That the Colorado PTA support legislation which would make it
illegal for any person to sell, rent or otherwise furnish to a minor,
any videotape, film representation, or other form of motion picture
which meets the criteria set forth in this resolution.