

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1977 convention delegates)

EDUCATION FOR PARENTHOOD AND FAMILY LIFE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- WHEREAS, The strength of the children and the parents who nurture them determine the future of a nation;
- WHEREAS, Parents, educators and students are aware of the need for education in parenthood and family life;
- WHEREAS, PTA'S concern involves a larger effort of comprehensive health education programs in all public schools, kindergarten through the twelfth grade;
- WHEREAS, Healthy parents have the best chance of having healthy babies;
- WHEREAS, Rearing children who are physically and emotionally healthy begins with informed, caring parents, a happy family life; and early detection and treatment of disorders;
- WHEREAS, Development of a child does not begin the day he is born, but much earlier, during the formative years of his parents;
- WHEREAS, Young people today have much less opportunity to learn parental roles as a routine part of the process of growing up, as was true in earlier generations of the "extended family" of children, aunts, parents, grandparents; and
- WHEREAS, High school graduation marks the end of formal education for many young people; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That PTAs promote parenthood and family life education in the public schools in K-12; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That parents encourage their children to participate in the parenting program of the school in order that potential parents have the skills and understanding to meet the social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs of their youngsters.