

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1986 convention delegates)

### CHILD/ADOLESCENT SUICIDE

WHEREAS, Suicide is the second leading cause of death for fifteen to twenty-four olds; and

WHEREAS, Death is perceived as the only answer to life's problems to thousands of youth every year, and

WHEREAS, The suicide of a young person is a profoundly tragic and unsettling event for the surviving family and close friends of the victim; and

WHEREAS, One of the best ways to prevent suicide is to change the conditions that contribute to it; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National PTA work with educators, mental health professionals, clergy, and other community leaders in educating parents, students, teachers, and the general public on suicide prevention through communication, self-acceptance, stress management, skills in problem solving, decision making, and critical thinking.