

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1987 convention delegates)

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, The education of preschool children is one of the planks of Colorado PTA's Legislative Platform; and
- WHEREAS, Studies in early childhood special education indicate substantial gains can be made by children with diverse conditions and degrees of impairment; and
- WHEREAS, Studies of early prevention efforts have shown that children who attended preschool maintained a stronger commitment to school, produced higher scholastic achievement, required half as many special education services, and were retained in grade less often; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly half of the special service students are later judged by their teachers to be average or above average in reading, math, and language arts; therefore be it
- Resolved, That Colorado PTA members encourage school districts to allocate a portion of the General Fund for preschool, particularly for children with special needs; and be it further
- Resolved, That Colorado PTA members encourage school districts to offer preschool education programs; and be it further
- Resolved, That Colorado PTA members encourage all parents of preschool and kindergarten age children to enroll their children in these programs so that they may know and use and develop their full potential.