

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1992 convention delegates)

GENDER EQUITY

- WHEREAS, The National PTA believes that every child must be provided with sound general education which will prepare him/her to pursue a career or further academic training; and
- WHEREAS, Educational opportunities for students in the public schools are dependent on the quality of instructional programs and personnel; and
- WHEREAS, Teacher preparation and staff development programs designed to initiate and strengthen professional excellence in instruction, teaching techniques, assessments and the transmission of academic knowledge free of gender bias should be encouraged; and
- WHEREAS, Passage of Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, prohibiting discrimination in educational institutions receiving federal funds, have not prevented girls from systematic discouragement from courses of study essential to their future employability and economic well-being; and
- WHEREAS, The current school reform movement must concentrate on what has to change in order for each student - every girl and every boy - do as well as she or he can; and
- WHEREAS, By recognizing what happens to girls in the classroom, we are able to gain valuable insights to improve education for both girls and boys to help prepare them for the next century; be it therefore

Resolved, That Colorado PTA, National PTA and its local units support:

- a. school improvement efforts that include a focus on the ongoing professional development of teachers, parents, counselors and administrators including issues of gender fairness;
- b. state certification standards for teachers, counselors and administrators that require course-work on gender issues including bias in classroom - interaction patterns;

- c. the development of gender - fair multicultural curricula and assessments; and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA continue to emphasize the need to develop gender fair curricula to meet the developmental needs of girls as well as boys and assist parents to encourage all children in their pursuit of scientific or technological careers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Colorado PTA encourage the adoption of this resolution at the National PTA.