

RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1987 convention delegates)

HUMAN RELATIONS IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

- WHEREAS, Human relations is the interaction of one individual with another; adult with adult, youth with youth, parent with children, student with teacher, youth with adult, teacher/administrator with parent; and
- WHEREAS, Human relations also includes relationships of various groups; professional, social, political, racial, and socio-economic; and
- WHEREAS, Lack of understanding of each other leads to many human ills, such as: disruption of family life, racial tension, a gap in youth-adult understanding, failure of youth in school, increase of self-destructive behavior, loss of self-esteem and value; and
- WHEREAS, A 1986 opinion survey conducted by the Colorado Department of Education confirms that school board members and local community leaders rank human relations through civics/citizenship among the top three areas needing more emphasis in the schools, with a majority of the respondents in favor of spending more time on broadening understanding of cultures, economies, geography, and political systems; and
- WHEREAS, The illness of human relations leads to the tragic waste of human potential, therefore be it
- Resolved, That PTAs in Colorado foster programs and projects to facilitate positive interaction between the diverse racial, economic, and age groups represented in the state to promote a mutual appreciation among the peoples of this state; and be it further
- Resolved, That PTAs seek to identify, in cooperation with the public and private sectors, those common values which are sensitive to differences in a pluralistic society; and be it further
- Resolved, That PTAs focus on bettering human relations in Colorado so that Colorado children can have a warmer, more understanding and creative climate in which to grow.