

## RESOLUTION

(Adopted by the 1987 convention delegates)

### SCHOOL-BASED, HEALTH-CARE CLINICS

- WHEREAS, One of the challenges facing PTAs in the future is to define joint responsibilities of home, school, and community in addressing the unmet health and welfare needs of children and youth; and
- WHEREAS, The failure of state and nation to respond to children's health needs has contributed to a crisis in affordable and available health-care options for our children; and
- WHEREAS, The need for youth health-care services has increased sharply with an unprecedented rise in teenage pregnancy, youth suicide, drug/alcohol abuse and injury/disease among our school age youth; and
- WHEREAS, These problems demand a reordering of health-care priorities to meet the needs of all youth, and particularly for those youth who would not otherwise be served; and
- WHEREAS, School-based clinics have been demonstrated to provide ready access to services, to help reduce adolescent self-destructive behaviors, and to provide a strong core of support for children at risk; and
- WHEREAS, School-based clinics are designed to provide comprehensive primary health care services including athletic physicals, general health assessments, diagnostic screening, first-aid, drug/alcohol abuse prevention and family planning, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent bodies urge state and local school boards to establish advisor committees composed of parents, youth themselves, school administrators, community representatives, and health providers in order to determine the feasibility and desirability of establishing School-Based Clinics; and be it further

Resolved. That parents, educators, health-care providers, and community members, including family members, participate fully in decisions relating to policy and procedures for School-Based Clinics, including family planning counseling, written parental consent, prescriptions and/or dispensation of medications and contraceptives and coordination of existing school nursing services in the operation of School-Based Clinics.