CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED IN OR AROUND VEHICLES

Whereas, Each year children are left unattended in and around vehicles that can lead to deadly consequences; and

Whereas, These consequences include the dangers of abduction, heat stroke, strangulation, trunk entrapment, being backed over, and personal injuries to themselves or others by causing accidental and uncontrolled movement of the vehicle; and

Whereas, Nationally, four children are killed in preventable non-traffic automobile incidents every week; therefore be it

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations advocate for and support legislation that prevents children from being injured or killed in non-traffic automobile accidents, including being left unattended in or around vehicles, and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations identify and promote educational programs for families, teachers, administrators, and community members on the dangers of children being left unattended in and around vehicles, and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations partner with national, state, and local child safety organizations to address the issue of non-traffic automobile related incidents involving our children and youth, and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA and its constituent organizations support efforts to improve or enhance automobile safety technology that would prevent non-traffic automobile related incidents.

Adopted: by the 2008 Convention of Delegates