

## PHOTOSENSITIVE EPILEPSY

- Whereas, Photosensitive epilepsy is a form of epilepsy, that affects approximately one in 4,000 people (3-5% of those with epilepsy,) in which seizures are triggered by visual stimuli that form patterns in time or space, such as flashing lights; bold, regular patterns; or regular moving patterns; and
- Whereas, Technology (such as the Harding test) exists that can analyze video content for flashing and stationary patterns which may cause harm to those who have photosensitive epilepsy, and the use of such technology is required in other countries for all broadcast media and movies; and
- Whereas, Movies have been released in theaters in the United States that were marketed towards children and that have caused children with photosensitive epilepsy to experience seizures; and
- Whereas, The consequences of having a seizure can be life-altering, including the loss of driving privileges; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA supports legislation, policy, or rules requiring that all broadcast media, movies, digital media, and video games pass a Harding or similar test; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA supports legislation, policy, or rules requiring that any broadcast media or movies that do not pass such a test to post conspicuous notice, and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA supports legislation, policy, or rules that such notice shall be required to be posted on the entrances to the building and the entrances to the theater itself rather than just at the box office; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA supports legislation, policy, or rules that such notice shall be required to air directly prior to the beginning of any broadcast; and be it further
- Resolved, That this resolution shall be in full force and effect until the last day of June 2032.
- Adopted: by the 2025 Convention delegates