

## **MEASLES (RUBEOLA\*), MUMPS AND RUBELLA VACCINATIONS**

- Whereas, The Third Object of PTA is "To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth"; and
- Whereas, Since the early part of 1990 the public has become increasingly aware that the incidence of measles has reached epidemic proportions and in a very short period of time the measles mortality rate has become unusually high; and
- Whereas, It is expected that there will be an increasing incidence of mumps and rubella; and
- Whereas, Measles, mumps and rubella are viral diseases with serious complications that can result in death for children and adults, and in miscarriage or spontaneous abortion in pregnant women; and
- Whereas, Measles, mumps and rubella are preventable through vaccinations and the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices of the United States Department of Health and Human Services recommends vaccinations be given at age 15 months and at entry into kindergarten or junior high school; and
- Whereas, A significant number of school children would require a "booster dose" vaccination at kindergarten or junior high school entry; and
- Whereas, Many states require a single measles vaccination before a child enters the first grade and, with the funding currently available, public health agencies are only able to provide one vaccination at low cost; now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA urge its constituent bodies to inform parents of the necessity for measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations and where necessary, provide the information to help families to obtain vaccinations locally for all children and youth; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA and the State PTAs continue to seek legislation that would require all children and youth receive the necessary measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA and State PTAs continue to seek funding to enable public health agencies to provide low-cost or free measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations; and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA urge its constituent bodies to insist that school districts comply with the law requiring measles, mumps and rubella vaccinations.

*Resolution: Measles (Rubeloa\*), Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations*

*Adopted: by the 1990 Convention Delegates*

\*Measles (rubeola) is often a severe disease frequently complicated by middle ear infection or pneumonia. Encephalitis occurs in approximately one of every 1,000 cases; survivors of this complication often have permanent brain damage and mental retardation. Death occurs in one of every 1,000 measles cases.

The current recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics is that a booster dose for mumps and rubella be included at the same time.

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