RESOLUTION

VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOLS

Whereas, The incidence of unrest and disruption in schools of our nation is steadily increasing; and

Whereas, Children need to feel secure traveling to and from school and within the school building for adequate learning to occur; and

Whereas, In 1987, a federally funded 20-state National Adolescent Student Health Survey of more than 11,000 adolescents found than an average 34.5 percent were threatened with violence while at school or on a school bus; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the National PTA shall make available to its constituent bodies information as to the causes of school violence which would assist in the development of state/local school guidelines for school safety; and be it further

Resolved, That the National PTA urge its state PTAs to request their state boards of education to require school districts to develop school safety guidelines; and be it further

Resolved, That local parent/community safety advisory teams be formed to assist with the development of guidelines which address discipline, safety and procedures for crisis intervention; and be it further

Resolved, That the discipline and school safety guidelines be available for parental and community review before adoption by the local school board or the local governing body.

Adopted: by the 1990 Convention Delegates
Reviewed: by the 1993 and 1998 Convention Resolutions Committee