

HAZING

- Whereas, The definition of hazing is; any willful action taken or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health, including death, of another; and
- Whereas, Hazing continues to be a wide-spread issue at all levels of education across the United States. Institutions across the country face hazing related injuries and deaths; and
- Whereas, Hazing has resulted in many documented deaths and numerous mental and physical impairments in the United States; and
- Whereas, 46 states have at least some type of hazing law on the books. These laws range from criminal laws with sanctions for individuals and universities, to educational codes that threaten to withdraw funding from institutions for failure to investigate fully, therefore be it
- Resolved, That the National PTA encourage state PTAs to seek and support legislation that will make hazing that can result in bodily harm, mental trauma, or death a crime punishable by law, and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA urge institutions at all levels of education to review policies and procedures to address hazing incidents and ensure they comply with specific state law, and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA urge institutions at all levels of education to communicate policies and procedures to students and their families, and be it further
- Resolved, That the National PTA inform and educate its members as to the possible dangers that may occur in hazing incidents.

Adopted: by the 1988 Convention Delegates

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