AIDS COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers strives to promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community, and place of worship; and

WHEREAS, The AIDS epidemic has rapidly become one of the most complex public health problems in our nation's history, affecting both adults and children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Without education about how AIDS is transmitted, the disease will continue to spread at an alarming rate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers encourage its units, in cooperation with medical groups, representatives of departments of health, and school administration, to conduct workshops and disseminate information on the disease's nature, transmission, and legal, social, and emotional consequences, so that parents, students, educators, and the general public may be more knowledgeable as they encourage and/or consider state and local district policies addressing this issue; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers urge local units to support the implementation of an AIDS curriculum in all schools, with public input through information sessions, allowing parental review of the proposed curriculum prior to its adoption; and be it further

RESOLVED, That implementation of the curriculum should include adequate and appropriate training for all educators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers request that the approved curriculum be reviewed annually to include current medical and legal information.

Adopted by the 1988 Convention Delegates
Reaffirmed by the 1994 Convention Delegates
Reaffirmed by the 1999 Convention Delegates
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