COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CARE

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

WHEREAS, The inability to find affordable, quality child care can, and does, cripple the economic and social well-being of many families; and

WHEREAS, One out of every two women with a child under six years of age is in the labor force; and

WHEREAS, The presence of loneliness and boredom is a negative emotional outcome associated with the “latch key” experience; and

WHEREAS, Both increased experimentation with sexuality and drinking among adolescents (12 – 16) have been identified as part of this experience; and

WHEREAS, Needs and child care services do not appear to be well matched in many localities in Tennessee; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA recognizes the need for, and supports quality child care services that would be accessible, affordable and acceptable for all families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA supports the establishment of a local advisory committee with community representation, including parents, to assess child care needs.

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Reaffirmed by the 1994 Convention Delegates
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