EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN/FAMILIES

WHEREAS, The PTA is concerned about the welfare of families and children; and
WHEREAS, A disproportionate number of homeless are families and their children; and
WHEREAS, Homeless families and their children are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population; and
WHEREAS, Education is an important stabilizing factor, yet a significant number of homeless children are denied an education; and
WHEREAS, Homeless children and their parents are put in severe emotional stress due to their environment and lack of financial stability; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, promote the schooling of homeless children and their parents within shelters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers urge homeless shelters to offer counseling programs to enhance education for homeless children and their families, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers urge governmental agencies to fund educational programs within shelters for homeless children and their families.

Adopted by the 1993 Convention Delegates
Reaffirmed by the 1998 Convention Delegates
Reaffirmed by the Board of Managers - April, 2003