FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS

WHEREAS, The Tennessee State Fire Marshal recommends all Tennesseans to follow the "Change your clock, change your battery" message for home smoke alarm maintenance. National statistics indicate that a working smoke alarm can at least double the chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, 155 Tennesseans died in fire fatalities with 12% of those deaths coming to Tennesseans under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee has ranked near the top nationally in fire fatalities per capita, a rate that is much higher than the national average; therefore be it

RESOLVED That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent organizations support the efforts of fire safety awareness by the Tennessee Fire Marshal office; and be it further

RESOLVED That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent organizations, in recognition of the high percentage of fire fatalities among children, encourage participation among all Tennessee schools in fire safety awareness.

Adopted by the 2006 Convention Delegates