INHALANT ABUSE AWARENESS

Whereas, Inhalant abuse is the deliberate act of inhaling concentrated amounts of fumes (also called sniffing, huffing, bagging or dusting) from volatile legal products (rubber cement, paints, permanent markers, any kind of aerosol product such as hair spray, white-out, nail polish and remover, gasoline, automotive cleaners and fluids, nitrous oxide and propane cylinders, various glues, and compressed canned air to name a few) for the purpose of mood alteration (getting high) and/or becoming intoxicated; and

Whereas, According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and Pride Survey of students in grades 6 through 12, inhalant use has increased at a significant rate; and

Whereas, The mean age of the first time abuser of inhalants has steadily decreased from 16.5 in 1994 to 15.6 by 2002 as cited by 2003 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies; and

Whereas, Inhalant abuse is considered a “gateway” to future drug abuse; and

Whereas, Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome can occur in matter of moments after one session of inhalation abuse; and

Whereas, An objective of PTA is to promote the welfare of children and youth; therefore be it

Resolved, That Tennessee PTA, through its membership, promotes and encourages age-appropriate educational programs about Inhalant Abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That Tennessee PTA, through its membership, increases public awareness about the methods, symptoms, effects, and dangers of Inhalant Abuse; and be it further

Resolved, That Tennessee PTA advocates lobbying the legislature for help in these endeavors. then and only then, will Tennessee make significant progress in protecting our youth from the dangers of inhalant abuse.

Adopted By the 2006 Convention Delegates