MOTOR VEHICLE AIR BAGS

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for every age from birth through 24 years old; and

WHEREAS, Practicing safe behaviors such as wearing safety belts can significantly reduce the number of injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Unrestrained occupants of a motor vehicle can be hurt or killed by an air bag; and

WHEREAS, Improper use of safety restraint devices in cars equipped with air bags can be unsafe for children and small adults; and

WHEREAS, Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration proves that

♦ the back seat is the safest place for children less than 12 years of age to ride,
♦ an infant less than one year old should never be put in the front seat of a car with a passenger-side air bag, and
♦ infants must always ride in the back seat facing the rear of the car;

therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA encourage, through its regions, councils and local units, work to increase community awareness on the proper use of safety restraints in vehicles equipped with air bags; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA encourage its local PTA units to support the efforts of school systems promoting the proper use of safety restraints in cars equipped with air bags.

Adopted by the 1997 Convention Delegates

Reaffirmed by the Board of Managers – April, 2002