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

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA has worked to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA has always worked to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and

WHEREAS, The movie rating system is a voluntary system sponsored by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO) to provide parents with advance information on films, enabling parents to make judgments on movies they want or do not want their children to see; and

WHEREAS, The president of the MPAA testified before the Senate Commerce Committee that the film industry has a "duty to inform parents about film content"; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) report on the Marketing of Violent Entertainment to Children found that theaters routinely show trailers (previews) for movies that are not rated the same as the feature presentation; and

WHEREAS, The FTC's report showed that, even though the major theater chains have adopted policies to limit trailer placement to within one rating of the feature presentation, theaters appear to grant exceptions to the "within one rating" policy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA supports legislation to limit trailers to advertising movies of the same rating, or of a lesser restriction, as the feature presentation.

Adopted by the 2001 Convention Delegates