TEEN PREGNANCY

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA is concerned about the health and welfare of teenage mothers and their children; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, 6,885 Tennessee girls ages 10 through 17 or about one in 40 became pregnant; and

WHEREAS, The incidence of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, which can affect babies born to infected mothers, is increasing dramatically among adolescents age 10 through 19; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that between 50 and 80 percent of teenage mothers never finish high school; and

WHEREAS, Babies of teen mothers often experience premature birth, low birth weight or other health complications; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA through its regions, councils, and local units, work to increase community awareness of the plight of teenage mothers and their offspring and that efforts be made to give accurate information to PTA members with the hope to upgrade health and family life education within the home, school, and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tennessee PTA, in working to improve the quality of life for all children, urge PTA leaders and members to examine the problems of family life and increase their efforts in promoting educational programs that will challenge the community to come together in finding solutions to the problems.

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