THE ARTS IN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, The National PTA, through its Commission on Individual Development and its Reflections Project, has long placed emphasis on the cultural and fine arts; and

WHEREAS, The National PTA believes that the arts—music, literature, dance, drama, and visual arts—are central to learning; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee PTA wishes to focus attention and energy on the arts as a universal phenomenon and a means of communication; and

WHEREAS, The infusion of the arts in the elementary, secondary, and the continuing education curriculum is a key to the humanistic development of students; and

WHEREAS, The arts are found in schools today in varying stages of acceptance and differing programs of instruction; and

WHEREAS, The integration of the arts in general education is imperative if the PTA is to respond to the goals statements enunciated by the Office of Education; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That PTAs create a public awareness of the arts; and be it further

RESOLVED, That PTAs continue to be strong advocates of improved arts educational programs, and be it further

RESOLVED, That PTAs emphasize the value of the arts in the schools as useful tools for everyday living; and be it further

RESOLVED, That PTAs encourage school districts, educators, and other interested sources to integrate the arts in the school curriculum as essential elements.

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