

Resolution on Farm to School Program

- WHEREAS,** Tennessee agencies, schools, parents, students, farmers, and communities are collaborating and working together to reduce childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS,** Tennessee's agricultural economy can deliver fresh, healthy food to Tennessee schoolchildren; and
- WHEREAS,** the USDA School Lunch program provides more than 600,000 meals to Tennessee students each day during a school year and represents a significant and consistent market opportunity for Tennessee producers; and
- WHEREAS,** the National PTA advocated for the legislation that established the national school lunch program; and
- WHEREAS,** several school districts in Tennessee have stepped up by serving locally grown food in the school cafeteria in an effort to serve fresh, Tennessee-grown items; and
- WHEREAS,** farm to school programs have helped to improve changes in personal diets and to increase local community revenue; therefore be it
- RESOLVED** That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations recommend farm to school programs as a viable solution to help address Tennessee's obesity crisis and to provide economic opportunity for Tennessee farmers; and be it further
- RESOLVED** That the Tennessee PTA and its constituent associations promote the state of Tennessee's *Local Foods for Local School* program in all Tennessee school systems.