

**FAMILY VIOLENCE**

WHEREAS, The Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers is committed to promoting the emotional and physical well-being of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers believe in the need to strengthen the family unit; and

WHEREAS, Spouse abuse and child abuse weaken and often destroy that family unit; and

WHEREAS, Spouse abuse is not only physically dangerous to the abused but emotionally detrimental to children who live in homes where abuses and violence are prevalent; and

WHEREAS, It has been proven that children who witness or experience spouse or child abuse are far more likely to repeat this behavior as adults in their own families; and

WHEREAS, Spouse abuse can be stopped when support services for the abused are available; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers encourage the use of shelters and other services for victims of spouse abuse, counseling for abusers and preventative educational programs where appropriate.