

CHILD CARE

- WHEREAS, The percentage of working women in Utah has jumped to 60%, a rate even higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS, With the second highest birth rate in the nation and a lower than average level of family income, Utahns not only have a large number of children needing child care, but less money per family to pay for that care; and
- WHEREAS, There are nearly 150,000 children, from infants through 13 years old, who need child care because of their work; and
- WHEREAS, Many children do not have child care because their parents cannot afford it; and
- WHEREAS, Children themselves are concerned: fear of being home alone was the subject of 70 percent of the thousands of letters children submitted recently to a national magazine that asked children to describe a scary situation; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated 7,800 children, nationally, were seriously injured or killed during 1987 in home accidents that occurred while the children were unsupervised; and
- WHEREAS, The traditional family image of a father as breadwinner and mother as caretaker of home and children currently describes only seven percent of all families in the country; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage more public and private efforts to provide after-school care; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support appropriate regulations to ensure quality child care; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage business and community groups to support child care; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage affected agencies to examine existing policies and create new policies which will better serve the needs of both children and parents; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA help to educate parents concerning the dangers of leaving all school children unattended, even if the children appear to be mature and have learned survival skills.