

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, Approximately 60,000 Utah women are assaulted each year by an intimate partner; and
- WHEREAS, There were 154 domestic violence homicides in Utah between 1984 and 1994 (28% of all homicides during that period); and
- WHEREAS, Across the nation in homes where spousal abuse occurs, children are abused at a rate 1,500% higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS, Nationally every year, domestic violence results in almost 100,000 days of hospitalizations, almost 30,000 emergency department visits, and almost 40,000 visits to physicians; and
- WHEREAS; Sixty-five percent of children who have witnessed or been aware of domestic violence in their homes grow up to become abusers or are abused themselves; and
- WHEREAS; The first object of PTA is to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work with its constituent bodies and members statewide to educate Utah families about domestic violence and the impact on children and families; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work to support stronger legislation that focuses on intervention for and prevention of domestic violence.