

VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS AND DEATH RELATED TO DRUGS

- WHEREAS, The leading cause of death among young Americans has been determined to be the family car; and
- WHEREAS, In 1983 there were twenty deaths in Utah involving drinking drivers between the ages of 16 and 20, and 7,090 of the injuries reported in 1983 out of a total of 20,968 were suffered by teenagers; and
- WHEREAS, The preponderance of evidence gained through previous studies indicates that drugs, either alone or in combination with alcohol, impair skills and performance, perceptual processes, tracking behavioral components of driving and other manual skills; and
- WHEREAS, There currently exists procedures for determining that alcohol content of blood as well as definitions at what level impairment exists, but no such definitions regarding drugs; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That legislation be drafted which would provide guidelines and equipment as needed to assist Utah law enforcement officers in their efforts to address the problem in Utah of driving under the influence of drugs; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah State PTA encourage the Utah State Highway Safety Department and the Department of Transportation to accept and develop themes that say "Don't Drug and Drive" and "Don't Drink and Drive."