

**HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, School nurses are trained to identify the health needs of the child, facilitating proper care and assisting the school in adapting to the child's needs; and

WHEREAS, More students with disabilities are being mainstreamed in the regular classroom in their neighborhood schools, because Federal laws, P.L. 94-142, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and P.L. 101-476 require the least restrictive environment; and

WHEREAS, Students would be better protected if a qualified person were present to tend to health needs in school; and

WHEREAS, Teachers do not have training to provide these services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA support the hiring of school nurses or public health nurses for the schools; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA encourage schools housing only students with disabilities have a full-time nurse on their premises.

(Updated 1988 Resolution; Replaces Handicapped Health Service Resolution)