

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- WHEREAS, A nationwide survey found that children in American public schools are not reasonably well protected from the effects of major disaster--natural or man-made; and
- WHEREAS, This same survey revealed that the great majority of children have no reasonable protection from the effects of major disasters and that the picture of school civil defense is a dismal one, and even frightening; and
- WHEREAS, Inspections have shown that few of the Utah public school emergency preparedness plans are operable and lack trained school personnel to carry out the functions of survival; and
- WHEREAS, Few courses of study are given to the pupils to acquaint them with the problems or solutions encountered during emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, It is well known that the manner in which people react in emergency situations depends largely upon how well they have been trained to meet emergencies; and
- WHEREAS, The State Board of Education, through its Civil Defense Education staff, is prepared to assist local school districts with emergency planning and training; and
- WHEREAS, The Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers sponsored an Emergency Preparedness Conference in March, 1976, to alert the community of a growing need and concern; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That State PTA continue to encourage PTA units at all levels to begin and/or continue an emergency preparedness program; and be it further
- Resolved, That appropriate PTA emergency preparedness personnel make direct contact with their local PTA officers and board to ascertain the present level of school involvement in curriculum and school emergency preparedness plans; and be it further
- Resolved, That all PTAs work with their community officials, school board personnel, utility companies, government agencies, service groups and other interested parties in an emergency preparedness program that will aid in securing a safer community in which to live.