

VANDALISM

- WHEREAS, Vandalism is the illegal, willful destruction of property; and
- WHEREAS, Vandalism has become a major crime in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Parents are now responsible for their children's acts of vandalism up to \$1,000; and
- WHEREAS, Vandalism is a destructive crime which costs society two billion dollars annually in the United States and over a million dollars in Utah; and
- WHEREAS, Most vandalism is caused by persons under eighteen; and
- WHEREAS, The Utah PTA, in cooperation with the Utah Council on Criminal Justice Administration, initiated an anti-vandalism campaign in September 1977; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers become part of the education program that will zero in on the various problems that vandalism creates; and be it further
- Resolved, That the PTA locals and councils share the responsibility for educating the juvenile and parent guardian concerning the responsibility for restitution of vandalistic acts; and be it further
- Resolved, That PTA join with other law enforcement agencies in Utah to implement programs such as "Officer Friendly" which covers aspects of law and children's safety and includes lessons on the curtailment of vandalism.