

PORNOGRAPHIC EXPLOITATION

WHEREAS, A number of national experts have expressed concern over the dramatic increase in child pornography and its distribution in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The incidents of child abuse of a sexually-oriented nature has increased over the past decade at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, Nationally and internationally recognized behavioral scientists and the National Institute of Mental Health have, within the past year, issued studies and reports condemning the increasing use of sexually-oriented violence in the entertainment arts and media; and

WHEREAS, Many respected authorities have concluded that there is a close correlation between the increased incidents of child abuse and sexually-oriented violence; and

WHEREAS, Parents and teachers throughout the country have become increasingly aware of the availability to young people of literature, motion pictures, video cassettes, and televised programs which exhibit violence and sexually explicit materials in such a manner as to induce impressionable youth to imitate the same; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA urge elected and law enforcement officials at all levels of government and, particularly, the Utah State Attorney General and the United States Attorney General to exercise all of the authority under their jurisdiction to curtail the production, distribution and exhibition of materials which depict in an explicit manner intimate and sexual conduct and violence of a sexually-oriented nature; and be it further

Resolved, That, where deemed appropriate, Utah PTA members contact distributors and managers of retail stores that sell or rent material that depicts offensive sexual behavior, urge them to realize its negative impact upon our communities, and as them to remove it from their stores; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the National PTA Convention.

(Reinstated 1985 Resolution)