

### **FIREARMS RESPONSIBILITY/INJURY PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, The first object of PTA is "to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship;" and

WHEREAS, Injuries are the leading cause of death and disabilities in children and adolescents in the United States and in Utah; and

WHEREAS, The second leading cause of death of children and adolescents in Utah are firearm related; and

WHEREAS, Many children and adolescents have ready access to firearms in the home; and

WHEREAS, Most firearm injuries are predictable and preventable through education and awareness campaigns; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Utah PTA support educational programs and intervention strategies designed to do the following:

- 1) Teach firearm responsibility through use of Utah PTA approved and recognized programs.
- 2) Encourage parents to talk with and educate their children about gun safety and responsible firearm usage; and be it further

Resolved, The Utah PTA support collaboration among criminal justice, public health, medical, educational, and other organizations interested in this problem; and be it further

Resolved, That Utah PTA work with state and other agencies to educate parents and children of the potential dangers of firearms if handled inappropriately or stored in a way that allows children easy access to these firearms.