

### AIR BAG SAFETY EDUCATION

- WHEREAS, Air bags are extremely effective in saving adult lives in automobile accidents when combined with lap and shoulder safety belts; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1986 there have been 800,000 documented deployments of air bags resulting in saving of 1,600 drivers and 175 passengers lives; and
- WHEREAS, The correct use of child safety seats has reduced the risk of death by 69% for infants and by 47% for toddlers (ages 1-4); and
- WHEREAS, Air bags have seriously injured and/or killed children who were sitting in the front seat restrained, unrestrained or improperly restrained; and
- WHEREAS, As the number of air bag equipped vehicles increases to meet federal regulations, the number of children injured by air bags will increase proportionately; and
- WHEREAS, Air bags inflate at speeds up to 200 miles per hour in order to protect adults in a front end collision; and
- WHEREAS, Air bag injuries and fatalities to children are completely preventable if children are properly restrained and sitting in the back seat; and
- WHEREAS, The first Object of the PTA is to “promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school, community and place of worship”; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work to educate members and parents statewide about air bag safety and the impact proper usage will have on children and families; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work to provide appropriate information to parents and families on how to maximize the life-saving capabilities of air bags and minimize the risks; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work to upgrade safety belt and child restraint laws in conjunction with air bag safety guidelines that will help to ensure the safety of Utah’s children.