

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- WHEREAS, In 1996, 5,412 pedestrians were killed in traffic accidents in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, There were 82,000 pedestrians injured in traffic accidents nationally in 1996; and
- WHEREAS, Most pedestrian fatalities in 1996 occurred in urban areas (71%), at non-intersection locations (77%), in normal weather conditions (88%), and at night (65%); and
- WHEREAS, In 1996, nearly one third (31%) of all children between the ages of 5 and 9 who were killed in traffic accidents were pedestrians; and
- WHEREAS, More that 22% of all traffic fatalities under age 16 were pedestrians, and 7% of all traffic injuries under age 16 were pedestrians; and
- WHEREAS, Utah law provides busing for children living more than one and one half miles away from school in grades K-6, and two miles in grades 7-12; and
- WHEREAS, Many children walk to and from school in hazardous areas on city, county and state roads; and
- WHEREAS, Under Utah law, each school should have a pedestrian safety committee to designate safe walking routes; and
- WHEREAS, Children and youth need to learn proper pedestrian procedures and be encouraged to use safe walking routes; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents and students about pedestrian safety issues and solutions; and be if further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies work with the Utah State Office of Education and other agencies to implement effective pedestrian safety curriculum in Utah schools; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA continue to work with the Utah State Legislature to secure adequate funding specifically dedicated to safe school routes and pedestrian safety devices; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA work with Utah State Legislature to ensure that whenever public funds are used to construct road improvements, pedestrian safety, with particular attention to school crossings, zones and sidewalks be addressed during planning and construction.