

NEGATIVE OBSESSION

- WHEREAS, A negative obsession is a compulsive idea or emotion that persistently induces one to forego positive or healthful activities for unhealthy or antisocial behavior; and
- WHEREAS, A Negative obsession may be promoted through certain musical lyrics, movies and videos, drugs, violence, comic and fiction books, magazines, fantasy role playing games and fashion wear; and
- WHEREAS, Negative obsessions are becoming more common among the youth of America, with promises of acceptance, power and pleasure, but endanger individuals and society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, The increasing number of crimes such as truancy, vandalism, drug use, sexual abuse of children, suicide and murder and sacrificial ceremonies committed by teenagers indulging their negative obsession are rapidly increasing; and
- WHEREAS, The cause of obsessive involvement in groups is not limited to socio-economic factors, but is a symptom of deeper and more serious problems; and
- WHEREAS, Utah state law sections 76-10-1201 through 76-10-1229 "Dealing in harmful materials to minors," make it unlawful to distribute (free or to sell) harmful materials that deal with pornography, sado-masochistic abuse, and sexually explicit material to those under 18 years of age, and sections 58-37a-1 through 58-37q-6, "Drug paraphernalia," make it unlawful to produce, possess or distribute drug paraphernalia; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA and its constituent bodies educate parents, school personnel and the community concerning the signs, enticements and dangers of negative obsession which include but are not limited to Gothism, Satanism and extreme animal rights movements, and its serious, addicting threat to youth; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA ask National PTA leaders to join in this effort, particularly regarding stores which are linked to nation-wide chains which promote the distribution of material harmful to youth, and encourage the National PTA community to become more informed and involved.