

SAFETY AND EDUCATION FOR THE INTERNET

- WHEREAS, The Internet is a network of networks; and
- WHEREAS, No one owns the entire Internet and no one body is responsible for governing the Internet; and
- WHEREAS, In 1999, 24 million youth ages 10-17 were online, and 1 in 5 received unwanted sexual advances, 1 in 33 received unwanted aggressive advances, and 1 in 17 was threatened or harassed, and 67% of these events occurred in the home, 15% occurred at school and 3% occurred in libraries; and
- WHEREAS, Only 10% of parents could name an agency to report these occurrences; and
- WHEREAS, Parents need to be directly involved in the regulation of materials that minor children have access to; and
- WHEREAS, The Internet, properly used can be a valuable education tool; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support the establishment of a national, voluntary, multi-dimensional rating system of Internet information to aid families in their supervision and guidance of their children's use of the Internet; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation that would bring sanctions against those who know or should have known they are offering false ratings; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA support legislation regarding knowingly providing to minors any information that would be harmful to minors or selling materials to minors that are illegal for minors; and be it further
- Resolved, That Utah PTA provide training to parents, teachers and students for the safe and effective use of the Internet and that information be provided for the reporting of violations of safety.