

AID TO RAPE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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- WHEREAS,** Rape is a violent crime against children as well as adults, with long-lasting effects on the victims and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** The social stigma associated with the crime of rape creates needless guilt and suffering for victims and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** Resources have been developed to provide assistance to the victims of rape and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** PTA units can assist by informing their membership of services provided in a community; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That PTA units or councils and/or districts work to secure appropriate services for rape victims and their families; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That PTA units inform their membership of community services available to rape victims and their families; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA support legislation that will provide for appropriate services to rape victims and their families; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA forward this resolution to the National PTA for consideration by the delegates at the National Convention in June, 1978.

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Research has demonstrated that the crime of rape has traumatic and long-lasting effects, not only on the victims, but on their families as well.

Many groups are functioning that provide immediate services to rape victims and their families, but unless these groups are well known and called upon, needless emotional suffering will continue.

The PTA is in a unique position to be of assistance as it has the ability to seek out available facilities and make their purpose and functions known to all families in the community.

Where no facility exists, the PTA can be instrumental in working with the county department of health to ensure the availability of such services.