

## **AIR POLLUTION**

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- WHEREAS,** The objectives of the PTA include promoting the health and well-being of children and youth and encouraging education on subjects of major importance to society; and
- WHEREAS,** Continuing research on the environmental and health effects of air pollution has resulted in setting ambient air quality standards for oxidant, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, particulates and other elements; and
- WHEREAS,** The recommended maximum acceptable safe level of 0.1 parts per million oxidant in the air is regularly exceeded in all urban areas of California wherein children's school activities expose them to the adverse effects of polluted air; and
- WHEREAS,** Vigorous, coordinated and sustained efforts should be made to remove the possibility of long-term adverse effects on the health of children and the community; therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the State PTA convention reaffirm the Statement on Environmental Pollution adopted by the State PTA Board of Managers in September 1970; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That all communities whose air quality does not meet prescribed standards, especially oxidant level, be urged to enact uniform alert levels at which school districts undertake measures to protect students from adverse effects; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That each school district be urged to establish a policy of curtailing physical education and related activity when the alert level is attained; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That individuals and PTA groups be encouraged to support efforts to measure and determine levels at which air pollution produces long-term health problems for various groups in the community; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the influence of urban planning and social behavior on air pollution be a matter for inclusion in the curriculum; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That continuing encouragement be given to legislative and enforcement policies which will promote solutions for the existing problems of air pollution.