

**PESTICIDES**

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- WHEREAS, Our children are becoming aware that life on earth may be endangered because of pollution; and
- WHEREAS, One type of pollutant, pesticide, has been freely used by families and public agencies as well as farmers; and
- WHEREAS, Every person has the inalienable right to a decent environment; be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** That the members of the California PTA develop an awareness and respect for the dangers inherent in pesticides and promote the use of alternate methods of pest control; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That all PTAs find out immediately what pesticides are being used on school property; where, how much, how often, and why they are being used; how toxic they are to humans; what effect they have on the environment; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That each PTA urge its school district to consider seriously all possible alternatives before using any pesticides; use pesticides only as an emergency measure or when a health hazard has been determined by the public health department; have pesticides applied only by personnel trained in their use; and give appropriate notice when pesticides applications are to be made.