

## USE OF CHILDREN AS SUBJECTS IN PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

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- WHEREAS,** The use of children as subjects in pornographic materials is more widespread than previously realized; and
- WHEREAS,** The use of children as subjects in pornographic materials is a form of child abuse; and
- WHEREAS,** Under the existing law, it is only a misdemeanor for any person to hire, employ, or use a minor to send or bring into this state for sale or distribution, or to possess, prepare, print, distribute, or exhibit any obscene matter; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA make its units, councils and districts aware of the use of children as subjects in pornographic materials; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** That the California State PTA support legislation to make it a felony to promote, employ, use, persuade, induce, entice, or coerce any person under the age of 18 years to engage in any sexual activity for the purposes of preparing films, photographs, negatives, slides, or live performances.

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### BACKGROUND SUMMARY

Current California laws mainly address the problem of using minors in the sale and distribution of obscene matter, making it a misdemeanor to use them for these purposes.

There is increasing alarm over the abuse of children and youth who are engaged as subjects in the creation and production of pornographic materials.

The enactment of legislation mandating stronger penalties would hopefully discourage the engaging of children and youth in sexual activities for the purpose of the creation and production of pornographic materials.