

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- 1 WHEREAS, Abuse of prescription medications, illegal drugs and synthetic “look-alike”
2 drugs is a national problem among youth and adults; and
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- 4 WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances can cause anxiety, agitation, muscle tension and
5 damage, nausea, depression, memory loss, hyperthermia, heart, brain and
6 kidney damage, seizures and death; and
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- 8 WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances leads to substance use disorders and social,
9 behavioral, and health consequences; and
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- 11 WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances is a strong predictor of school dropout
12 occurrence; and
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- 14 WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances is a major contribution to crime and
15 remediation in the United States; and
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- 17 WHEREAS, The legal sale of drug paraphernalia and synthetic “look-alike” drugs
18 encourages drug experimentation and abuse; therefore, be it
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- 20 RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urge all PTA councils
21 and units to provide and strengthen drug education and prevention
22 programs to parents, teachers and students, and be it further
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- 24 RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers encourage legislators
25 to create and promote enforcement of laws that prohibit the manufacture,
26 sale and abuse of illegal and “look-alike” synthetic drugs.