WHEREAS, Abuse of prescription medications, illegal drugs and synthetic “look-alike”
drugs is a national problem among youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances can cause anxiety, agitation, muscle tension and
damage, nausea, depression, memory loss, hyperthermia, heart, brain and
kidney damage, seizures and death; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances leads to substance use disorders and social,
behavioral, and health consequences; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances is a strong predictor of school dropout
occurrence; and

WHEREAS, Abuse of these substances is a major contribution to crime and
remediation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The legal sale of drug paraphernalia and synthetic “look-alike” drugs
encourages drug experimentation and abuse; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urge all PTA councils
and units to provide and strengthen drug education and prevention
programs to parents, teachers and students, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers encourage legislators
to create and promote enforcement of laws that prohibit the manufacture,
sale and abuse of illegal and “look-alike” synthetic drugs.

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