CLUB DRUGS

WHEREAS,	The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils,
	are concerned with the health and welfare of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The illegal and/or illicit use of drugs termed "Club Drugs" including MDMA (3,4, methylenedioxymethamphetamine)/ Ecstasy", Ketamine/"Special K", et al is increasing among young people at rave clubs, dance parties and like gatherings; and

WHEREAS, The short term effects of using the mood/mind altering "Club Drugs" include but are not limited to paranoia, anxiety, muscle tension, seizures, depression, and possible death; and

WHEREAS, The long term effects of using the mood/mind altering "Club Drugs" include but are not limited to nerve damage to the brain, kidney and cardiovascular failure, muscle breakdown, and death; and

WHEREAS, "Club Drugs" are relatively inexpensive, readily available and erroneously thought to be without negative effects by those who use them; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 50 percent of American parents have never had a conversation with their children about drugs; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils educate and inform parents through the distribution of information and provide programs to parents, teachers and students on the dangers of "Club Drugs"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils urge local school districts to offer literature, seminars and classroom activities that inform of the dangers and side effects of "Club Drugs" in any drug education curricula.