

## HANCOCK AMENDMENT

- WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers believes an adequately financed state government is better able to provide funding for education; and
- WHEREAS, The Hancock Amendment (Article X of the Missouri Constitution) limits the growth of total state revenues but does not have flexibility to meet fluctuating economic conditions; and
- WHEREAS, Appropriations can be restricted in advance of a fiscal year, but revenues from taxes are not controllable since they depend on economic conditions; and
- WHEREAS, It is recognized that the repeal of the Hancock Amendment is unlikely; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils support the modifications of Article X, Sections 16-24 of the Missouri Constitution (the Hancock Amendment) reflecting PTA's position on adequate funding for education while encouraging fiscal responsibility and legislative account-ability, and for the Missouri PTA legislative chair to report annually in the Contact on Missouri PTA's progress toward implementation of this resolve; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, in its leadership role in the Missouri Educational Alliance, ask this coalition to actively pursue as its first priority with the Missouri General Assembly the modifications of Article X, Sections 16-24 of the Missouri Constitution with consideration for adequate funding for education while encouraging fiscal responsibility and legislative accountability, and for the Missouri PTA legislative chairman to report annually in the Contact progress of this coalition toward implementation of this resolve.

Adopted 1983  
Reaffirmed 1987  
Retired 1995