WHEREAS, The PTA has long been interested in the welfare of children and youth in the home, school and community; and

WHEREAS, Every day, households dispose of hazardous and toxic substances in potentially unsafe ways; and

WHEREAS, These substances are often transferred to solid waste landfills, municipal wastewater and on-site septic tank treatment systems which are not designed to contain or degrade these hazardous substances; and

WHEREAS, Liquid (lechate) from these systems can then contaminate nearby surface water, groundwater, air and soil; and

WHEREAS, The 83rd General Assembly has passed and the Governor has signed into law a bill enabling Household Hazardous Waste pickup days as provided in House Substitute, House Committee Substitute, House Bill 875 and 1649, Section 260.378 RSMo Subsection 1.1; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers urge its units and councils to educate parents about household hazardous and toxic wastes and their safe disposal; and, be further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers its units and councils, urge the Missouri General Assembly to appropriate funding to establish and promote the program for collection of Household Hazardous Waste as approved by the 83rd General Assembly in House Substitute, House Bill 875 and 1649, Section 260.378 RSMo Subsection 1.1

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