## **PARENTING**

WHEREAS, The National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the Missouri

Congress of Parents and Teachers have determined parenting as a

PTA priority; and

WHEREAS, One-third of the infants are born to teenage parents, and of those

babies born to teenage mothers the number who die in the first year

of life is almost twice the national average; and

WHEREAS, The concept of parenting comprehends knowledge of the life

processes and the skills of child development that adolescents should acquire in preparing for parenthood; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers goes on

record as urging local school districts to provide for strengthening family life by upgrading pre-parent education in elementary and

secondary schools.