PROHIBITION OF “LOOK ALIKE” DRUGS

WHEREAS, The Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, are concerned with basic issues that may lead to legislation affecting the education, health, and welfare of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, The personal and social tragedies attendant to the illegal manufacture, distribution and use of controlled substances are manifestly evident to all; and

WHEREAS, An insidious and mercenary exploitation of children and youth through the manufacture and distribution of so-called “look alike” or “facsimile” drugs is now becoming generally recognized; and

WHEREAS, Use of these “look alike” drugs pose grave dangers which can and do result in physical and mental disabilities and/or death due to misunderstanding, misinterpretations, or misuse; and

WHEREAS, These substances are readily available to the general populace by mail order, charge card use, postal delivery, and retail outlets due to the fact that present laws relating to controlled substances do not apply; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils urge that with all deliberate speed, effective legislation be enacted and enforced to prohibit the manufacture and/or distribution of simulated controlled substances.

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