WHEREAS, The National Congress of Parents and Teachers through the Objects seeks to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Legislation promoting the welfare of children and youth in our state should be supported; and

WHEREAS, Rabies control is being actively sought by our Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Missouri has never had an adequate rabies control law; and

WHEREAS, The 1953 rabies quarantine law was rescinded in 1955 in response to pressure from a segment of the hunting population; and

WHEREAS, The current epidemic is destined to continue for another three to five years; and

WHEREAS, Through proper laws relating to rabies control and education we can control the threat to our children; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils support legislation requiring a quarantine to be declared in areas in which a high number of rabies cases have been reported; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils encourage state, county, and municipal governments to pass legislation designed to protect the health, safety and well-being of the young people in our state.

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