

## **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY NO. 2**

- WHEREAS, Standard 17 pupil transportation safety developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with Section 482 of the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966 deadline for becoming effective June 6, 1973 is only partially in effect now and will be phased in over an extended period of time in the future; and
- WHEREAS, Each school day more than 19 million children ride to school on 260,000 school buses, and
- WHEREAS, Each school year school buses are involved in 45,000 accidents that result in 5,000 injuries to children with 90 deaths; and
- WHEREAS, From 1963 to 1971 the number of children riding school buses increased by one-third with the number of fatalities tripling; and
- WHEREAS, It should be recognized by parents, boards of education and legislators that bus construction safety standards must be established by federal and state regulations to insure uniformity of school bus construction; and
- WHEREAS, Some boards of education of the state of Missouri are not fully accepting their responsibilities for the requiring of all safety features that are now available for school buses; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers recognize the immediate need of federal and state regulations that would insure that Missouri boards of education be required to provide for all children and youth riding school buses in the state of Missouri, a school bus body that would meet performance standards on all safety construction features.

Adopted 1973