

YOUTH IN THE WORKPLACE

- WHEREAS, Missouri PTA is greatly concerned about the health and safety of Missouri's children and youth; and
- WHEREAS, There are countless numbers of teens who regularly work during part of the school year, many of whom are sacrificing sleep and exercise, and spending quality time with their families; and
- WHEREAS, There is a corresponding increase in the likelihood that working more than 20 hours a week will adversely affect the youth's school performance and/or increase their likelihood of dropping out of school; and
- WHEREAS, A youth who works more than 20 hours a week will more likely use alcohol, drugs and cigarettes; and
- WHEREAS, A youth who works more than 20 hours a week is also more likely to have minor altercations with the law and school discipline problems; and
- WHEREAS, Young people are injured at work at a disproportionately high rate when compared to adults; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, educate parents, students, and the public in general about the risks and dangers involved in youth in the workplace by disseminating information about those risks and dangers through flyers, PTA programs, PTA newsletters, Health and Safety events, and articles to the local media; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, support legislation to enact stricter child labor laws that extend to every youth in school under the age of 18 years.