

RESOLUTIONS

SAMPLE AND TEMPLATE



2013 Resolution on Energy Drinks

First, the “Whereas” clauses: this is where you make your case!

Here is where you:

- Explain the problem;
- Document the issue or harm; and,
- In general, illustrate the need for action.

The first “Whereas” clause refers to the part of the Legislation Platform that concerns the issue.

WHEREAS, the Illinois PTA Legislation Platform Section 7, Protection of Children and Youth, Item a., maintains that we support adequate legislative and/or financial support for the protection, health, and welfare of children and youth; and

The next “Whereas” clauses provide information, including statistics, from the research that was conducted on the issue.

WHEREAS, Energy Drinks, which contain substances that act as nonnutritive stimulants (including, but not limited to, caffeine, guarana, and taurine) and ingredients that are not regulated and/or not properly studied, are being marketed to youths for a number of inappropriate uses; and

WHEREAS, researchers at the American Academy of Pediatrics have determined that Energy Drinks are not appropriate for consumption by either children or adolescents; and

WHEREAS, Energy Drinks are consumed by between 30-50% of adolescents and young adults; and

WHEREAS, Energy Drinks, which frequently contain high and unregulated amounts of caffeine, have been reported in association with serious adverse health effects, including seizures, mania, stroke and sudden death; and

WHEREAS, of the 5,448 caffeine overdoses reported in 2007 in the USA, 46% of those occurred in those younger than 19 years old; now therefore be it

The call to action in the Resolved Clauses may include:

- Providing Information
- Working with other organizations
- Legislation position

Then, the “Resolved” clauses: this is where you give the course of action to correct the problem!

RESOLVED, that the Illinois PTA and its constituent bodies disseminate information with respect to health concerns related to energy drinks to its constituent bodies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois PTA will work with other like-minded organizations to raise awareness of the dangers inherent in the ingestion of energy drinks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois PTA encourage local school districts to prohibit the sale and distribution of Energy Drinks at school and during school functions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois PTA and its constituent bodies support legislation which addresses the negative effects of energy drinks on children and youth, by: requiring accurate labeling, including the stimulants they contain; and limiting the availability of these drinks to children and youth.

RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Resolution on _____

WHEREAS, Section_____, Item_____, (*you may list more than one*) of the Illinois PTA
Legislation Platform states _____; and

WHEREAS, (*second fact statement*) _____
_____; and

WHEREAS, (*third fact statement*) _____
_____; and

WHEREAS, (*fourth fact statement*) _____
_____; and

WHEREAS, (*fifth fact statement*) _____
_____;

now therefore be it

RESOLVED, (*indicate the action to be taken by local units, councils, and/or Illinois PTA, if
applicable*) _____
_____; and be it further

RESOLVED, (*other actions, if applicable*) _____
_____; and be it further

RESOLVED, (*legislative action, if applicable*) _____
_____; and be it further

RESOLVED, (*submission to National PTA, if applicable - must meet National PTA criteria*)

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RESOLUTION TEMPLATE (continued)

Submitted by: _____

(Name and Address of PTA or Council)

Signed by President: _____

Printed Name: _____

President's Phone Number: _____

President's Email: _____

Date of Adoption by Local Unit, Region or Council _____

Resolution Contact Person information:

Name: _____

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