

2.8 Bicycle Helmet Safety Education

Resolution passed 1990; amended 2013

Whereas, one purpose of Washington State PTA is to “promote the welfare of children and youth in the home, school community, place of worship, and throughout the community”; and

Whereas, bicycle crashes are a major cause of death and disability to children between the ages of 5 and 14 years of age; and

Whereas, 75 percent of all bicyclists’ deaths each year are from head injuries incurred in bicycle accidents; and

Whereas, many bicyclists are permanently impaired as the result of head injuries sustained in bicycle accidents.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA actively encourage and promote the wearing of Consumer Product Safety Commission approved helmets by all bicycle riders; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA encourages its local PTAs and councils to use educational program materials that promote bicycle safety available from the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute (<http://bhsi.org>).