

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

RESOLUTION

Encouragement of Youth Dancing

- Whereas: Square Dancing is an American Folk Dance, enjoying a long history of family entertainment and friendship set to music; and*
- Whereas: Square Dancers recognize the importance of Youth in our activities, while acknowledging their current lack of participation; and*
- Whereas: Peer pressure, the historical stigma of Square Dancing, non-acceptance of Youth by the adult dancer community, and the lack of leadership opportunities within clubs, has stifled the involvement of Youth in the Square Dance movement; and*
- Whereas: The absence of Youth Callers, Youth-enticing music, and the opportunities for young people to become Callers and Leaders are areas in significant need of improvement; and*
- Whereas: The annual USDA Founders' Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship promotes higher education among our Youth, with the continuation of this program contingent upon ongoing financial support and dissemination of information to the Youth by the dancing community; and*
- Whereas: The gathering and sharing of success stories via word-of-mouth, newsletters, YouTube, and other social media outlets, will enhance the promotion of youth dancing. It will also provide guidance to others in the Square Dance community in their efforts to cultivate the interest of Youth into the Square Dance movement;*
- Therefore: Be it resolved that the United Square Dancers of America promotes and encourages all Square Dancers, as well as all Local, State, Regional and National Leaders, to assist us in promoting, encouraging, and endorsing all activities and participation by Youth as Dancers, Callers, Cuers and Prompters in the promotion, preservation, and perpetuation of Square Dancing. They are our future and the future of our activity.*

The USDA encourages our Youth to Live Lively and Square Dance!

*Adopted by Unanimous Vote of
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA
Board of Directors present and voting during their
Annual Meeting this Twenty-Second (22nd)
day of June 2016 at Des Moines, Iowa*

