

House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the public health crisis created by pornography.

WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health crisis and contributing to the hypersexualization of children and teens, and

WHEREAS, efforts to prevent exposure and addiction to pornography, to educate individuals and families concerning pornography's harmful effects, and to develop pornography recovery programs must be systematic and ascribe responsibility, and

WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the widespread availability of the Internet, children are exposed to pornography at an alarming rate and it often serves as their main source of education regarding human sexuality, and

WHEREAS, twenty-seven percent of young adults between the ages of 25 and 30 report that they first viewed pornography before the onset of puberty, and

WHEREAS, a child who views pornography is at a higher risk of developing low self-esteem, an eating disorder, and a desire to engage in dangerous sexual behavior, and

WHEREAS, pornography objectifies women, normalizes violence and the abuse of women and children, and depicts rape and abuse

25 as harmless, thereby increasing the demand for sex trafficking,
26 prostitution, and child pornography, and

27 WHEREAS, pornography has potential detrimental effects on
28 the user, including, but not limited to, mental and physical
29 illnesses; difficulty forming or maintaining intimate
30 relationships; unhealthy brain development and cognitive
31 function; deviant, problematic, or dangerous sexual behaviors;
32 and addiction, and

33 WHEREAS, recent research indicates that pornography is
34 potentially biologically addictive, resulting in the user
35 consuming increasingly more shocking material to satisfy the
36 addiction, and

37 WHEREAS, pornography has a detrimental effect on families
38 and is linked to a reluctance to enter into marriage,
39 dissatisfaction in marriage, and marital infidelity, NOW,
40 THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
43 Florida:

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45 That the State of Florida recognizes the public health
46 crisis created by pornography and acknowledges the need for
47 education, prevention, research, and policy change to protect
48 the citizens of this state.