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Senate 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, 27 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 risky sexual behavior, and

WHEREAS, pornography objectifies men and women, normalizes violence and the abuse of men, women, and children, and depicts rape and abuse as harmless, thereby increasing the demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, and child pornography, and

WHEREAS, pornography has potential detrimental effects on the user, including, but not limited to, mental and physical illnesses; difficulty forming or maintaining intimate

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30 relationships; unhealthy brain development and cognitive
31 function; risky sexual behaviors; and addiction, and

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

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

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41 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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