

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the public health crisis  
3 created by pornography.

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5 WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health crisis and  
6 contributing to the hypersexualization of children and teens,  
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8 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent exposure and addiction to  
9 pornography, to educate individuals and families concerning  
10 pornography's harmful effects, and to develop pornography  
11 recovery programs must be systematic and ascribe responsibility,  
12 and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, pornography objectifies women, normalizes violence  
24 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.