

## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the public health risk  
3 created by pornography.  
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5 WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health risk and  
6 contributing to the hypersexualization of children and teens,  
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8 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent exposure to pornography, to  
9 educate individuals and families concerning pornography's  
10 potential harmful effects, and to develop pornography recovery  
11 programs should be systematic, and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, pornography depicts children and young people in a  
20 hypersexualized manner and a child who views such images is at a  
21 higher risk of developing low self-esteem, an eating disorder,  
22 and a desire to engage in dangerous sexual behavior, and

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

25 | harmless, and is related to the increased demand for sex  
 26 | trafficking, prostitution, and child pornography, and

27 |         WHEREAS, pornography has potential detrimental effects on  
 28 | the user and research has found correlations between pornography  
 29 | use and mental and physical illnesses; difficulty forming or  
 30 | maintaining intimate relationships; unhealthy brain development  
 31 | and cognitive function; deviant, problematic, or dangerous  
 32 | sexual behaviors, and

33 |         WHEREAS, recent research indicates that one can develop a  
 34 | compulsive disorder in which excessive amounts of pornography  
 35 | are consumed, resulting in the user consuming increasingly more  
 36 | shocking material or withdrawing from daily life functions to  
 37 | satisfy the compulsion, and

38 |         WHEREAS, pornography can have a detrimental effect on  
 39 | families, including a reluctance to enter into marriage,  
 40 | dissatisfaction in marriage, and marital infidelity, NOW,  
 41 | THEREFORE,

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

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