House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the public health risk created by pornography.

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

WHEREAS, efforts to prevent exposure to pornography, to educate individuals and families concerning pornography's potential harmful effects, and to develop pornography recovery programs should be systematic,

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

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,

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

WHEREAS, pornography objectifies women, normalizes violence and the abuse of women and children, depicts rape and abuse as
harmless, and is related to the increased demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, and child pornography, and

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

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

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

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

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