

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1002

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9 A Concurrent Resolution related to the effects of
10 pornography; making legislative findings; declaring
11 the public health impacts and societal harms of
12 pornography; recognizing the need for education,
13 prevention and change in policies to address
14 pornography; declaring need for regulation; and
15 directing distribution.

16 WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health crisis; and

17 WHEREAS, pornography perpetuates a sexually toxic environment;

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19 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent pornography exposure and addiction,
20 to educate individuals and families concerning its harmful effects
21 and to develop recovery programs must be addressed systemically in
22 ways that hold providers accountable; and

23 WHEREAS, pornography is contributing to the hypersexualization
24 of teens and even prepubescent children in our society; and

 WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the universal
availability of the Internet, young children are exposed to what

1 used to be referred to as hard-core pornography but is now
2 considered mainstream pornography; and

3 WHEREAS, the average age of exposure to pornography is now
4 eleven (11) to twelve (12) years; and

5 WHEREAS, this early exposure is leading to low self-esteem and
6 body-image disorders, an increase in problematic sexual activity at
7 younger ages and an increased desire among adolescents to engage in
8 risky sexual behavior; and

9 WHEREAS, exposure to pornography often serves as sex education
10 for children and youth and informs their sexual templates; and

11 WHEREAS, because pornography treats women as objects and
12 commodities for the use of the viewer, it teaches girls they are to
13 be used and teaches boys to be users; and

14 WHEREAS, pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and
15 children; and

16 WHEREAS, pornography treats women and children as objects and
17 often depicts rape and abuse as if such acts are harmless; and

18 WHEREAS, pornography equates violence towards women and children
19 with sex, and pain with pleasure, which increases the demand for sex
20 trafficking, prostitution, child sexual abuse images and child
21 pornography; and

22 WHEREAS, potential detrimental effects on users of pornography
23 can impact brain development and functioning, contribute to
24 emotional and medical illnesses, shape deviant sexual arousal and

1 lead to difficulty in forming or maintaining positive, intimate
2 relationships, as well as promoting problematic or harmful sexual
3 behaviors and addiction; and

4 WHEREAS, recent neurological research indicates that pornography
5 is potentially biologically addictive, which means the user requires
6 more novelty, often in the form of more shocking material, in order
7 to be satisfied; and

8 WHEREAS, this biological addiction leads to increasing themes of
9 risky sexual behaviors, extreme degradation, violence and child
10 sexual abuse images and child pornography; and

11 WHEREAS, pornography use is linked to lessening desire in young
12 men to marry, dissatisfaction in marriage and infidelity; and

13 WHEREAS, this link demonstrates that pornography has a
14 detrimental effect on the family unit; and

15 WHEREAS, overcoming the emotionally and psychologically damaging
16 effects of pornography is beyond the capability of the afflicted
17 individuals to address alone.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
20 CONCURRING THEREIN:

21 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma recognizes that
22 pornography is a public health hazard leading to a broad spectrum of
23 individual and public health impacts and societal harms.

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1 THAT the Legislature recognizes the need for education,
2 prevention, research and policy change at the community and societal
3 level in order to address the pornography epidemic that is harming
4 the people of our state and nation.

5 THAT the Legislature recognizes products that distribute the
6 Internet are effectively pornography vending machines that are in
7 need of regulation.

8 THAT the Legislature recognizes that the manufacturers and
9 wholesalers of products that distribute the Internet have not
10 complied with the obscenity laws of the State of Oklahoma.

11 THAT copies of this Concurrent Resolution be distributed to the
12 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and
13 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

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15 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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