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DENOUNCING PORNOGRAPHY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

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1 Whereas, pornography is a crisis leading to a broad spectrum of
2 individual and public health impacts; and

3 Whereas, pornography perpetuates a sexually toxic environment that
4 damages all areas of our society; and

5 Whereas, potential detrimental effects on pornography users include
6 toxic sexual behaviors, emotional, mental and medical illnesses and
7 difficulty forming or maintaining intimate relationships; and

8 Whereas, recent research indicates that pornography is potentially
9 biologically addictive and requires increasingly shocking material for the
10 addiction to be satisfied. This has led to increasing themes of risky
11 sexual behaviors, extreme degradation, violence and child pornography; and

12 Whereas, pornography is directly harming our nation's youth by
13 contributing to the hyper-sexualization of teens and even children; and

14 Whereas, due to the advances in technology and the universal
15 availability of the internet, children are being exposed to pornography at
16 an alarming rate, leading to low self-esteem, eating disorders and an
17 increase in problematic sexual activity at ever-younger ages; and

18 Whereas, exposure to pornography often serves as sex education for
19 children and shapes their sexual templates, teaching them that women are
20 commodities for the viewer's use; and

21 Whereas, pornography normalizes violence and the abuse of women and
22 children by treating them as objects, increasing the demand for sex
23 trafficking, prostitution and child pornography; and

24 Whereas, the use of pornography has an adverse effect on the family
25 as it is correlated with decreased desire in young men to marry,
26 dissatisfaction in marriage and infidelity; and

27 Whereas, the societal damage of pornography is beyond the capability
28 of the individual to address alone; and

29 Whereas, to counteract these detrimental effects, this state and the
30 nation must systemically prevent exposure and addiction to pornography,
31 educate individuals and families about its harms and develop pornography
32 recovery programs.

33 Therefore

34 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
35 the Senate concurring:

36 That the Members of the Legislature denounce pornography as a public
37 health crisis.