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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each day, countless people are exposed to sexually
2 explicit content through a wide range of media, and these consumers
3 are often unaware of the health risks posed by such material; and

4 WHEREAS, Children are encountering pornography before their
5 teens, and this early exposure may lead to low self-esteem and body
6 image disorders and an increased desire to engage in risky sexual
7 behavior; and

8 WHEREAS, Besides promoting unhealthy sexual expectations,
9 the adult entertainment industry produces media that objectify
10 women and children as well as depict rape and abuse; by associating
11 violence with sexual gratification, these materials perpetuate the
12 demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, child pornography, and
13 sexual abuse images; and

14 WHEREAS, Pornography has also been linked to such detrimental
15 health effects as brain development complications, emotional and
16 medical afflictions, the inability to form and maintain intimate
17 relationships, and sexual addiction; these dangers not only affect
18 people on an individual level but also contribute to the
19 degradation of the family unit, frequently leading to marital
20 dissatisfaction and infidelity; and

21 WHEREAS, The ubiquity of pornography has resulted in a host
22 of societal problems and potentially negative health effects, and
23 it is of paramount importance that our leaders tackle this critical
24 public health issue; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby recognize that pornography is a public health hazard; and,
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives and Senate
5 recognize the need for education, prevention, research, and policy
6 changes to address the harmful influence and consequences of
7 pornography.