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R E S O L U T I O N

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 House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize that pornography is a public health  
3 hazard; and, be it further

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