

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1006

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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; and directing distribution.

15 WHEREAS, pornography is creating a public health crisis and
16 therefore its harms are beyond the capability of the individual to
17 address alone;

18 WHEREAS, efforts to prevent pornography exposure and addiction,
19 to educate individuals and families concerning its harms, and to
20 develop recovery programs must be addressed systemically in ways
21 that hold broader influences accountable in order to counter the
22 sexually toxic environment pornography perpetuates;

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

1 WHEREAS, due to the advances in technology and the universal
2 availability of the Internet, young children are exposed to what
3 used to be referred to as hard core pornography, now considered
4 mainstream pornography, at an alarming rate;

5 WHEREAS, twenty-seven percent (27%) of older millennials,
6 twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) years of age, are reporting that
7 they first viewed pornography before puberty;

8 WHEREAS, early exposure is leading to low self-esteem and eating
9 disorders, an increase in problematic sexual activity at younger
10 ages and an increased desire to engage in risky sexual behavior as
11 young adolescents;

12 WHEREAS, children and youth are exposed to pornography which
13 oftentimes serves as their sex education and shapes their sexual
14 templates;

15 WHEREAS, because pornography treats women as objects and
16 commodities for the viewer's use, it teaches girls they are to be
17 used and teaches boys to be users;

18 WHEREAS, pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and
19 children;

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

22 WHEREAS, pornography equates violence toward women and children
23 with sex and pain with pleasure, which increases the demand for sex
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1 trafficking, prostitution, child sexual abuse images or child
2 pornography;

3 WHEREAS, pornography has potential detrimental effects on users
4 such as emotional, mental and medical illnesses, shaping deviant
5 sexual arousal, difficulty forming or maintaining intimate
6 relationships, brain development and functioning and problematic or
7 harmful sexual behaviors and addiction;

8 WHEREAS, recent research indicates that pornography is
9 biologically addictive, which means the user requires more novelty,
10 which is often in the form of more shocking material, in order to be
11 satisfied. This has led to increasing themes of risky sexual
12 behaviors, extreme degradation, violence and child sexual abuse
13 images or child pornography;

14 WHEREAS, pornography use has a detrimental effect on the family
15 unit as it is linked to lessening the desire of young men to marry,
16 dissatisfaction in marriage and infidelity.

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

20 THAT the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma recognizes the
21 public health crisis created by pornography.

22 THAT the Legislature recognizes the need for education,
23 prevention, research and policy change at the community and societal
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1 level in order to address the epidemic that is harming the people of
2 our state and our country as a whole.

3 THAT copies of this Concurrent Resolution be distributed to the
4 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and
5 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

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7 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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