

HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The pervasive damage of pornography is beyond the scope any one individual to address, and

WHEREAS, Any Efforts to prevent pornography exposure and addiction, educate individuals and families concerning its harms and develop recovery programs must be addressed systemically in ways that hold broader influences accountable in order to counter the sexually toxic environment it perpetuates, and

WHEREAS, Pornography is more widespread and accessible than at any other time in American history, and

WHEREAS, The most vulnerable members of society, our children, are often exposed to pornographic material and

WHEREAS, Pornography treats women as objects and commodities for the viewer's use, teaching girls that they are objects to be used and teaching boys that this is acceptable behavior, and

WHEREAS, Pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and children, and treats them as objects, and

WHEREAS, Pornography equates torment and violence against women and children with pleasure, increasing the demand for sex trafficking, prostitution, child sexual abuse images and child pornography, Therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize that pornography harms the state and its citizens, and be it further

RESOLVED That we recognize the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal level in order to address the epidemic that is harming the citizens of Illinois and the country as a whole.