

\*Sponsorship has changed since the bill was introduced

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\*Introduced by  
Representatives Udall: Barto, Biasiucci, Blackman, Cobb, Osborne, Shope

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DENOUNCING PORNOGRAPHY AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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.