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HR 1042

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5 By: Representative Brown

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 *RECOGNIZING AND FINDING THAT THE PROLIFERATION AND*  
9 *ACCESSIBILITY OF PORNOGRAPHY HAS CREATED A PUBLIC*  
10 *HEALTH CRISIS LEADING TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF*  
11 *INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND SOCIETAL*  
12 *HARMS.*

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15 **Subtitle**

16 *RECOGNIZING AND FINDING THAT THE*  
17 *PROLIFERATION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF*  
18 *PORNOGRAPHY HAS CREATED A PUBLIC HEALTH*  
19 *CRISIS LEADING TO A BROAD SPECTRUM OF*  
20 *INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND*  
21 *SOCIETAL HARMS.*

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24 *WHEREAS, pornography normalizes violence and abuse of women and*  
25 *children by depicting rape and abuse as if such acts are harmless; and*  
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27 *WHEREAS, due to advances in technology and the universal availability*  
28 *of the internet, the average age of exposure to pornography is currently 11*  
29 *to 12 years of age; and*  
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31 *WHEREAS, exposure to pornography may serve as sex education for*  
32 *children and youth and lead to the hypersexualization of teenagers and even*  
33 *prepubescent children; and*  
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35 *WHEREAS, recent research indicates that pornography is potentially*  
36 *biologically addictive; and*



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2       *WHEREAS, pornography addiction can negatively affect brain development*  
3 *and functioning and contribute to emotional problems such as low self-esteem*  
4 *and body image disorders; and*

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6       *WHEREAS, early exposure to pornography can increase problematic sexual*  
7 *activity at younger ages; and*

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9       *WHEREAS, pornography can increase the demand for prostitution and the*  
10 *sex trafficking and slavery of children and young adults, primarily girls;*  
11 *and*

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13       *WHEREAS, pornography use can be linked to lessening desire to marry,*  
14 *dissatisfaction in marriage, and infidelity; and*

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16       *WHEREAS, this link demonstrates that pornography can have a detrimental*  
17 *effect on the family unit; and*

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19       *WHEREAS, pornography is a multibillion-dollar industry, and its*  
20 *influences are reaching the highest levels of society and government,*

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22 *NOW THEREFORE,*

23 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL*  
24 *ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:*

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26       *THAT the House of Representatives recognize the public health crisis*  
27 *created by pornography and the sexually toxic environment it perpetuates and*  
28 *acknowledge the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change*  
29 *at the community and societal levels in order to address the epidemic that is*  
30 *harming the people of our state and our country as a whole.*

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32 *BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate*  
33 *copy be provided to the Director of the Department of Health by the Chief*  
34 *Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

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36                                   */s/Brown*