

RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO STOP INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY TO CHILDREN AND EMPLOYEES

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STATE OF (ENTER YOUR STATE HERE)

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography; and urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to facilitate a technology-based solution allowing parents and employers to obtain Internet access services that exclude adult content.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of (Enter Your State Here), the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the Internet has become an extremely important and popular means of exchanging information, and is relied upon in (Enter Your State Here) for business, education, recreation, and other uses;

WHEREAS, many Internet sites contain material that is pornographic, either obscene or inappropriate for children, and a majority of these sites originate within the United States but outside of the state of (Enter Your State Here);

WHEREAS, the availability of Internet pornography on the job costs (Enter Your State Here) employers significant numbers of work hours, strains employers' computer equipment, reduces productivity, and leads to potentially hostile work environments for men and women;

WHEREAS, while the custody, care, and nurturing of children resides primarily with parents, the widespread availability of Internet pornography and the ability of children to circumvent existing filtering technology defeat the best attempts at parental supervision or control;

WHEREAS, Internet pornographers use evolving techniques to lure (Enter Your State Here) children and others into viewing and purchasing pornographic material, defying existing technology designed to block adult content;

WHEREAS, current methods for protecting computers and computer networks from unwanted Internet content are expensive, block more than the intended content, and are easily circumvented;

WHEREAS, because children, employees, and others may seek out pornography, warnings and other labels meant to help avoid inadvertent hits on pornographic sites may simply increase the likelihood that these sites will be visited;

WHEREAS, credit card verification systems burden credit card companies, are expensive and time consuming to establish and maintain, and inhibit legal speech;

WHEREAS, other forms of age verification have not been practicable;

WHEREAS, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet pornography have been held unconstitutional or otherwise have not passed constitutional scrutiny;

WHEREAS, prior Congressional attempts to address children's access to Internet pornography have not been based on technology that allows individual Internet users to select what kind of Internet content enters their homes and work spaces;

WHEREAS, protecting the physical and psychological well-being of (Enter Your State Here)'s children by shielding them from inappropriate materials is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the State of (Enter Your State Here);

WHEREAS, protecting the right of (Enter Your State Here)'s citizens to control what materials enter their homes and other private property is a compelling interest of the Legislature of the State of (Enter Your State Here);

WHEREAS, although the State of (Enter Your State Here) has taken rigorous action in an attempt to shield 63 (Enter Your State Here)'s children from obscenity and other inappropriate adult content, it cannot effectively curb

the problems with Internet pornography within its borders without the support of the United States government;

WHEREAS, the United States remains in control of the Internet through the Department of Commerce, and the National Telecommunication and Information Association; and

WHEREAS, the United States has the ability to create appropriate policies and enforcement tools to effectively deal with these issues:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of (Enter Your State Here), the Governor concurring therein, strongly urges the United States Congress to take action to help stop children and employees from accessing Internet pornography.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor strongly urge the United States Congress to seriously consider enacting legislation to facilitate a technology-based solution that allows parents and employers to subscribe to Internet access services that exclude adult content.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, and the members of (Enter Your State Here)'s congressional delegation.