

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017  
with House Amendments**

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying whether  
2 pornography is a public health hazard.

3 **WHEREAS**, each day, countless people are exposed to sexually explicit content through a  
4 wide range of media, and these consumers often are unaware of the health risks posed by such  
5 material; and

6 **WHEREAS**, children are encountering pornography before their teens, and this early  
7 exposure may lead to low self-esteem and body image disorders and an increased desire to  
8 engage in risky sexual behavior; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in addition to promoting unhealthy sexual expectations, the adult entertainment  
10 industry produces media that objectifies women and children, as well as depicts rape and  
11 abuse; by associating violence with sexual gratification, these materials perpetuate the demand  
12 for sex trafficking, prostitution, child pornography, and sexual abuse images; and

13 **WHEREAS**, pornography has been linked to detrimental health effects, including brain  
14 development complications, emotional and medical afflictions, the inability to form and maintain  
15 intimate relationships, and sexual addiction; these dangers not only affect people on an  
16 individual level but also contribute to the degradation of the family unit, frequently leading to  
17 marital dissatisfaction and infidelity; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the ubiquity of pornography has resulted in a host of societal problems and  
19 potentially negative health effects, and it is of paramount importance that our leaders address  
20 this critical public health issue;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**  
22 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

1 That the Legislative Management consider studying whether pornography is a public health  
2 hazard; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
5 the Seventieth Legislative Assembly.