

Resolution: Defending Decency for the Protection of Families

Whereas, “God created man in his own image” (Genesis 1:27) and we consider that image to be sacred; each human being has a divine nature and therefore, should be treated with dignity, respect and reverence.

Whereas, the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife; and the means by which mortal life is created is divinely appointed.

Whereas, pornography crassly and often cruelly exploits the physical body at the expense of the infinite worth of a divine soul, and turns that person into a commercial object of lust and a discarded commodity.

Whereas, “there is a phase of personality development called the latency period, during which the healthy child is not interested in sex... Premature interest in sex is unnatural and will arrest or distort the development of the personality...” (Dr. William McGrath, M.D. psychiatrist)

Whereas, children who are exposed to pornography have a much greater rate of pornography addiction than those who were not; and currently the average age of a child’s first exposure to pornography on the Internet is eleven years old; and ninety percent of eight to sixteen year olds have viewed porn online. (www.toptenreviews.com)

Whereas, there is an increasing proliferation of sexually offensive and pornographic materials placed in the public view which has a degrading effect on a wholesome child-rearing and family environment.

Whereas, one-third of visitors to adult web sites are women. (www.toptenreviews.com)

Whereas, pornography contributes to the number of sexual crimes committed against women and children.

Whereas, pornography now generates more annual income than all three major professional sports combined, and causes as well the world’s fastest growing addiction.

Whereas, every community has the legal right to determine its own community standards of decency and in 1986 the U.S. Attorney General’s Commission on Pornography report stated, “To the extent that citizens have concerns about the kinds of sexually explicit material that are available in contemporary America, they should not only recognize that the First Amendment protects and encourages their right to express these concerns loudly and often, but should as well appreciate the fact that in many aspects of our lives to keep quiet is to approve.”

Whereas, the electronic tsunami of pornography can crush the moral and spiritual foundations of the family and home; and members of AMI have a vested interest in protecting children and families from such objectionable material.

Whereas, members of American Mothers, Inc. have pledged to wage a vigorous campaign against abuse and violence in all its forms.

NOW THEREFORE, THE AMERICAN MOTHERS, INC. DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

1. To inform mothers about the harmful effects of pornography on themselves and upon their family members; and
2. To educate mothers about methods that may be used to monitor their children's online activities and help protect them from exposure to harmful materials; and
3. To teach mothers the signs of pornography addiction and where they can get help for addicted members of their families; and
4. To show mothers how to establish child- and family- appropriate standards in their communities; and
5. To join coalitions with other like minded organizations for the purpose of curtailing children's access to pornography, especially on the Internet; and
6. To collaborate with like minded organizations in requesting local and national governments enforce current state and federal obscenity laws aggressively and, if necessary, to enact new laws as necessary to protect children from pornography on the Internet.
7. To embolden its members to make their views known, to their government representatives and to law enforcement agencies, schools, library boards, businesses, and others, about the harmful effect of pornography and the urgent need to enforce obscenity and other laws to curtail it.