

**AGE VERIFICATION FOR ACCESS TO ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY****11/2025**

**WHEREAS**, pornography sites get more monthly viewers than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined; and

**WHEREAS**, brutalizing sexual content is freely accessible to anyone with an internet connection including children; and

**WHEREAS**, exposing a child to pornographic content constitutes child sexual abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, research validates that teens use porn as a “manual” on “how to behave during sex”; and

**WHEREAS**, in a 2022 survey of US children found 54% were 13 years old or younger, and 15% were aged 10 years old and younger when they first saw porn; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 3 children in the survey reported having seen hardcore “explicit” pornographic material by age 12. Unfortunately, what children are learning is to normalize and eroticize acts of extreme verbal humiliation and physical aggression and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, commonly featured sexual acts in porn are often the same as those specified in definitions of torture including verbal and physical sexual harassment, sexual mocking, forced nudity, and rape; and

**WHEREAS**, 97% of sexual violence is aimed at women and girls; and

**WHEREAS**, age verification will stop access for many children; and

**WHEREAS**, age verification legislation has already been enacted in 25 states and the Supreme Court of the United States has upheld that States have an interest in protecting minors from access to online porn;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that children deserve protection from porn since children are harmed in many ways by access to pornographic content; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the National Organization for Women (NOW) supports age verification for access to online pornographic sexual content; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that NOW supports bipartisan legislative efforts to enact age verification processes in order to safeguard minors.