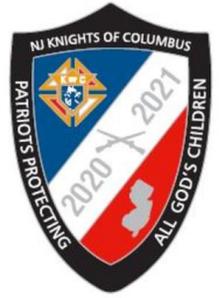




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## RESOLUTION COMMITMENT to OPPOSE PORNOGRAPHY

**WHEREAS** easy access to pornography on the Internet and sexual graphic content in movies, music and on television is putting new pressure on family relationships and making it more difficult to raise children with a healthy understanding of sexuality, and

**WHEREAS** children, teenagers and adults are only a few mouse clicks away from accidentally or intentionally viewing sexually explicit or gratuitously violent material on the Internet, and

**WHEREAS** many well-meaning children, teenagers, and adults lack the moral and social support necessary to resist the lure of such easy access to Internet pornography, and

**WHEREAS** sexual predators are known to use the Internet chat rooms to prey upon young people and draw them into immoral and even physically dangerous situations, and

**WHEREAS** the pornography industry is connected to the criminal underworld and is a major factor leading to sexual abuse of children and the crime of trafficking in persons, and

**WHEREAS** on April 16, 2008, during his apostolic journey to the United States, Pope Benedict XVI discussed Internet pornography and children, stating that children deserve to grow up with a healthy understanding of sexuality and its proper place in human relationships, and calling upon parents, teachers, religious leaders, and the media and entertainment industry, to each do their part to offer sound moral formation to children and adults alike.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, pledge our support to groups that fight pornography and graphic sexual content in the media, and that we pledge ourselves to use television, film, and the Internet to promote family values and a healthy understanding of human sexuality.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we encourage parents to foster a Christian atmosphere in their homes that allows them to openly discuss their concerns about the misuse of the Internet with their children, and

*Patriots Protecting All God's Children*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we commend and thank those in the entertainment and retail industries who produce family-friendly media products and pledge to patronize them in our choices as consumers, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Knights of Columbus calls upon Internet providers and the entertainment industry to maintain high standards of decency that will protect children and promote healthy family life.