

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 2

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND TO THE CON-  
3 GRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS  
4 OF THE UNITED STATES.

5 We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of  
6 the State of Idaho assembled in the First Regular Session of the Sixty-second  
7 Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

8 WHEREAS, Section 24, Article III, of the Constitution of the State of  
9 Idaho states: "The first concern of all good government is the virtue and so-  
10 briety of the people, and the purity of the home. The legislature should fur-  
11 ther all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and  
12 morality."; and

13 WHEREAS, inappropriate and indecent material is being broadcast more  
14 frequently; and

15 WHEREAS, whatever appears on television gains credibility and influ-  
16 ences viewers' beliefs and practices; and

17 WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission forbids the broadcast-  
18 ing of indecent programming over the nation's airwaves between the hours of  
19 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., when children might be watching.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-  
21 sion of the Sixty-second Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
22 the Senate concurring therein, that the Federal Communications Commission  
23 is encouraged to resume enforcement of traditional American standards of  
24 decency and prohibit the implied portrayal of or discussion of sexual in-  
25 tercourse on television when it pertains to unmarried persons in fictitious  
26 programs, reality shows and advertisements, including jocular references to  
27 premarital sex, characters lying in bed together and characters disrobing or  
28 undressing.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-  
30 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this  
31 Memorial to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and the  
32 congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in the Congress of  
33 the United States.