

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, digital technology use has the potential to benefit young people's well-being, but also expose them to significant harm; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Congress passed the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, which directed the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations for commercial website operators regarding the collection and use of the personal information of children under the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, California passed the Age-Appropriate Design Code Act to impose further obligations from businesses that provide an online service or product to protect the personal information of children under the age of 17 and prohibit the use deceptive tactics such as dark patterns; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no federal statutes that require website or application developers to determine the age of individuals who access their websites or use their products, although some companies have developed age verification methods or use third parties to prevent minors from accessing their websites and products; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is Assembly Bill (AB) 1043 (Umberg), the Digital Age Assurance Act, which would require companies that manufacture devices, operating systems, or app stores to require account holders to provide their age and/or date of birth to notify app developers in real time of their users' age brackets to provide age-appropriate access; and

WHEREAS, AB 1043 would require companies to obtain parental consent for users under 16 years of age before allowing downloads, and provide parental support tools, including the ability to link accounts, manage content, and limit usage time for users under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, AB 1043 would establish app-store level age verification, but not require the collection of additional personal data beyond what is necessary to generate age bracket signals, and authorize the Attorney General to enforce penalties for noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, AB 1043 would create age-appropriate safeguards and encourage the development of safe online experiences, while preserving the benefits of digital participation for young users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-26 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 1043 (Umberg) to require the developers of devices, operating systems, and app stores to collect their users' age and birthdate information to ensure age-appropriate access to digital products and provide support tools for parents and guardians.

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