

1 [Supporting Senate Bill 600.]

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3 **Resolution urging the support of Senate Bill 600, the Healthy Californians**  
4 **Biomonitoring Program.**

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6 WHEREAS, over 100,000 synthetic chemicals are registered for use today in the  
7 United States, with an additional 1,000 new chemicals added each year; and,

8 WHEREAS, while less than 10 percent of these chemicals have been tested for their  
9 effects on human health, we are exposed to many of them daily through cosmetics,  
10 pesticides, food dyes, cleaning products, fuels, and plastics; and,

11 WHEREAS, numerous toxic chemicals have been linked to serious chronic diseases;  
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, many of these chemicals persist in the environment, and accumulate and  
14 remain in the human body for long periods of time; and,

15 WHEREAS, chronic disease has reached epidemic proportions with an estimated 125  
16 million Americans, or 43 percent of the population, having at least one chronic illness; and,

17 WHEREAS, mounting evidence links the incidence and severity of diseases to  
18 exposure to environmental toxins; and,

19 WHEREAS, if passed, Senate Bill 600 will create the nation's first statewide  
20 biomonitoring program to measure chemical contaminants in humans; and,

21 WHEREAS, biomonitoring, or "body burden," studies help detect the presence of  
22 harmful chemicals in the body; and,

23 WHEREAS, the biomonitoring program would collect samples from volunteers and  
24 measure pollution levels; and,

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1           WHEREAS, scientists, medical professional, city planners and community members  
2 could then use the data identify disproportionately affected communities and better protect  
3 public health and promote environmental justice; and,

4           WHEREAS, the findings would also help the Legislature assess current regulations and  
5 set priorities for legislative action; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby urges members of the California  
7 State Legislature to support Senate Bill 600, the Healthy Californians Biomonitoring Program.

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