

1 [Supporting chemical testing and ingredient disclosure in cosmetic products, and endorsing
2 SB 578]

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4 **Resolution urging San Francisco’s State delegation to support efforts requiring**
5 **testing and ingredient disclosure in cosmetic products, and to support SB 578,**
6 **which requires manufacturers to disclose chemical ingredients in products as well**
7 **as the health risks associated with these chemicals.**

8 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Precautionary Principle Ordinance states that every San
9 Franciscan has an equal right to a healthy and safe environment, and that the duty to
10 enhance, protect and preserve San Francisco’s environment rests on the shoulders of
11 government, residents, citizen groups and businesses alike; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Precautionary Principle Ordinance also states that while
13 science and technology are creating new solutions to prevent or mitigate environmental
14 problems, science is also creating new compounds and chemicals that are already finding
15 their way into mother’s milk and causing other new problems; and,

16 WHEREAS, the US Food and Drug Administration is charged with protecting people
17 from exposure to toxic chemicals in consumer products like cosmetics; however, there is little
18 oversight regarding these chemical ingredients and incomplete product labeling requirements
19 that would disclose information about chemical components and their safety; and,

20 WHEREAS, of the roughly 80,000 chemicals approved by the United States
21 government for use in commerce, almost none of these chemicals have been tested for their
22 effects on the development of reproductive and neurological systems or endocrine functions;
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24 WHEREAS, the European Union and its 450 million citizens are protected from
25 exposure to more than 1,100 chemicals found in cosmetic products because they are known
or suspected carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins; and

1 WHEREAS, many of these prohibited chemicals can effect human reproductive
2 development at very low doses and are absorbed through the skin, inhaled or ingested by
3 young women of reproductive age when they use the cosmetics or body care products; and

4 WHEREAS, companies selling cosmetics and body care products in both the United
5 States and Europe sell such products to US consumers that contain the toxic chemicals
6 prohibited from sale to European consumers; and

7 WHEREAS, the University of California has released a detailed report on the
8 regulation of chemicals in the United States and within California that points to the need for
9 more information on product ingredients and their potential impacts to human health; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our representatives in Sacramento
12 to demand that manufactures disclose all ingredients used in cosmetics and other consumer
13 products and perform thorough testing that includes investigation of chemical effects on the
14 endocrine system and reproductive development; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on manufactures of
16 cosmetics to remove all ingredients in their products which can potentially cause cancer and
17 reproductive harm and to formulate products sold in the United States to the same standards
18 required in the European Union; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our representatives in
20 Sacramento to support SB 578 that addresses the need for disclosure and testing to
21 determine product safety.

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