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[Supporting Senate Bill 600.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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July 26, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 26, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Date: August 5, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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