

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the City of Los Angeles has been one of California's leaders in pursuing progressive animal welfare policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, HR 2790 (McSally), the Humane Cosmetics Act, introduced on June 6, 2017, would prohibit cosmetic animal testing and the sale of cosmetics tested on animals; and

WHEREAS, a cosmetic is defined by the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act as any article intended to be rubbed, poured, sprinkled, or sprayed on, introduced into, or otherwise applied to the human body or any part thereof for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness, or altering the appearance; and

WHEREAS, testing cosmetics on animals is already prohibited in many nations worldwide, including the European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Israel, and India; and

WHEREAS, dozens of safe, humane, and cost-effective alternatives to animal testing are already commonplace for determining the safety of cosmetics, which are sufficient for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cosmetic safety regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Humane Cosmetics Act provides the United States with the opportunity to join other countries to ensure that the safety of cosmetic products is tested using humane practices and methods;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes into its 2017-2018 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 2790 (McSally), the Humane Cosmetics Act, which would prohibit the use of animal testing for cosmetic products.

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