

RESOLUTION **RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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 first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) are agricultural products that have had genes removed and/or added in a laboratory to produce desirable traits, such as pest resistance; and

WHEREAS, proponents of GMOs believe that producing these products will result in benefits such as increased food supply, lower food costs for consumers, and decreased pesticide use; and

WHEREAS, several countries have enacted additional regulations on food supplies in response to increasing concerns that the production of GMOs are harmful to the environment, result in decreased crop yields, and are a danger to human health; and

WHEREAS, an article published by Harvard Medical School indicated that the creation of GMOs that are resistant to pesticides has caused weeds to develop resistance to the pesticide, which in turn has resulted in the use of even more pesticides; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2015, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 1599 (Pompeo), which would ban states and cities from regulating or enacting labeling requirements for GMOs; and

WHEREAS, if enacted, H.R. 1599 would undermine our ability to provide information to City residents about the food they consume by eliminating the City's ability to regulate and properly inform citizens about GMO crops; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1599 is in direct opposition to the City's current efforts (C.F. 13-1374) to regulate the propagation, cultivation, raising, growth and sale of GMOs and should be opposed;

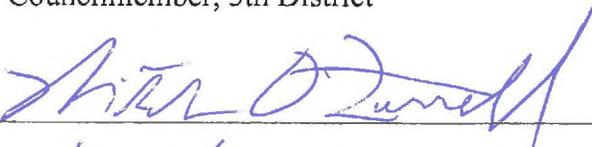
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION to H.R. 1599 (Pompeo), which would ban states and cities from regulating or enacting labeling requirements for genetically-modified foods or GMOs.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ
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SECONDED BY:



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