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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, of the roughly 80,000 chemicals approved by the United States government for use in commerce, almost none of these chemicals have been tested for their effects on the development of reproductive and neurological systems or endocrine functions; and

WHEREAS, the European Union and its 450 million citizens are protected from exposure to more than 1,100 chemicals found in cosmetic products because they are known or suspected carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins; and
WHEREAS, many of these prohibited chemicals can effect human reproductive development at very low doses and are absorbed through the skin, inhaled or ingested by young women of reproductive age when they use the cosmetics or body care products; and

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

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

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

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

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

Supervisor Sophie Maxwell
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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval, Ammiano

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 24, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Kay Gulbengay
Interim Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom