

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS LORIGO AND TODARO**

Support for State Legislation to Ban Animal-Tested Cosmetics

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug administration (FDA) defines cosmetics as “articles intended to be applied to the human body for cleansing, beautifying, promoting attractiveness or altering the appearance without affecting the body’s structure or functions.” Examples include skin cream, perfume, lipstick, nail polish, eye and facial makeup, shampoo and hair color; and

WHEREAS, the United States Humane Society estimates 500,000 animals suffer and die every year because of cosmetic animal testing. These animals include rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, rats and mice; and

WHEREAS, animal tests for cosmetics typically include skin and eye irritation tests where chemicals are rubbed onto the shaved skin or dripped into the eyes of animals to look for signs of general illness or specific health hazards, such as cancer or birth defects; and

WHEREAS, this testing can cause considerable pain and distress to the animals including blindness, swollen eyes, sore bleeding skin, internal bleeding and organ damage, convulsions and death; and

WHEREAS, testing on animals continues despite non-animal testing methods being widely available to companies, these tests are often more accurate and faster than animal testing methods; and

WHEREAS, over 250 companies have endorsed legislation that would end unnecessary cosmetics animal testing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, to date over 39 countries have full or partial bans on cosmetics animal testing, including all European union countries, Norway, India, New Zealand, Israel and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of U.S. states are pursuing legislation to ban the sale of cosmetics within their state borders that have been tested on animals; and

WHEREAS, legislation has already passed in the past year in California, Nevada and Illinois; and

WHEREAS, New York State Assembly bill A00496 sponsored by Assemblywoman Rosenthal and New York State Senate Bill S04250 sponsored by Senator Martinez amends general business law in relation to a prohibition on the sale or manufacturing of cosmetics in New York State that have been tested on animals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, this Honorable Body is in support of State Senate bill S04250 and Assembly bill A00496 which would prohibit the sale of cosmetics in New York State that have been tested on animals; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to the Western New York delegation of the NYS Senate and Assembly, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Governor Andrew Cuomo, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: None for this resolution