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SYNOPSIS

Urges President and Congress to enact "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019."

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1 AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION urging the President and Congress of 2 the United States to enact the "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019," 3 concerning cosmetics testing on animals. 4 5 WHEREAS, Every year, countless animals are injured and killed in 6 tests that attempt to evaluate the hazards of consumer products and 7 their ingredients; and 8 WHEREAS, In an effort to measure toxicity, rats, mice, guinea pigs, 9 rabbits, and other animals are forced to swallow or inhale massive 10 quantities of test substances or have a chemical spread in their eyes 11 or on their skin; and 12 WHEREAS, Tests on animals often do not predict outcomes in humans, 13 and many non-animal test methods are available and continue to be 14 developed; and 15 WHEREAS, Acute toxicity testing, eye and skin irritation testing, skin sensitization testing, carcinogenicity testing, and reproductive and 16 17 developmental toxicity testing cause great pain to animals without 18 necessarily providing more accurate conclusions about the safety of consumer products than non-animal testing alternatives; and 19 20 WHEREAS, The United States Food and Drug Administration advises 21 cosmetics manufacturers to employ whatever testing is appropriate 22 and effective for substantiating the safety of their products while 23 noting that the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act does not 24 specifically require the use of animals in testing cosmetics for 25 safety; and 26 WHEREAS, The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's 27 animal testing policy states that neither the Federal Hazardous Substances Act nor the commission's regulations require animal 28 29 testing and only require that a product be labeled to reflect the 30 hazards associated with that product; and 31 WHEREAS, While some countries, such as China, require specific 32 animal tests for these products, the European Union, Israel, and 33 India have banned the sale of any cosmetics or cosmetics 34 ingredients that have been tested on animals; and WHEREAS, The "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019," introduced on 35 November 18, 2019 as S.2886 and H.R.5141, would prohibit testing 36 37 cosmetics on animals, as well as the sale or transport of any cosmetics in interstate commerce if any component of the final 38 39 product was developed or manufactured using animal testing; and 40 WHEREAS, By banning animal testing in the United States and 41 prohibiting the sale and transport of products that have been tested 42 on animals, the "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019" would help 43 reduce animal cosmetics testing worldwide; and 44 WHEREAS, The cosmetics industry already has safer, more cost-45 effective methods of testing that do not harm animals and American 46 companies face no economic risk from this legislation; and

1 WHEREAS, The cosmetics industry is already using alternative cutting-2 edge testing methods that are safer and cheaper and which do not 3 hurt animals, and the United States should show moral leadership by standing against the inhumane treatment of animals; and 4 5 WHEREAS, The "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019" would bring the United States' cosmetics policy in line with more than 30 countries 6 7 that have already implemented bans on animal testing and the sale 8 of animal-tested cosmetics, including the European Union, Israel, 9 Norway, Switzerland, and India; and 10 WHEREAS, Of the 13 biggest importers of American cosmetics, eight 11 countries have bans in place or legislation under consideration 12 regarding animal testing, and American cosmetics companies 13 already have to comply with these animal testing bans; and 14 WHEREAS, Seven hundred cosmetics brands in North America do not 15 test products or ingredients on animals, and instead use other 16 affordable, proven methods of testing and innovate with thousands 17 of ingredients already proven safe for use; and 18 WHEREAS, The "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019" has been endorsed by 250 companies in the cosmetics industry, and is supported by 19 20 both Republican and Democratic cosponsors; now, therefore, 21 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the State of New 23 Jersey: 24 25 1. This House urges the President and Congress of the United 26 States to enact legislation (currently S.2886 and H.R.5141), known as the "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019," to ban the testing of 27 cosmetics on animals and the sale of any cosmetics product that 28 29 uses animal testing. 30 31 Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, 2. shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the 32 33 President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leaders of 34 the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the 35 United States House of Representatives, and every member of the congressional delegation from the State of New Jersey. 36 37 38 39 **STATEMENT** 40 41 This resolution urges the President and Congress to enact the "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019," currently introduced in Congress 42 as S.2886 and H.R.5141, which would prohibit testing cosmetics on 43 44 animals, as well as the sale or transport of a cosmetic in interstate 45 commerce, if any component of the cosmetic was developed or 46 manufactured using animal testing. 47 Every year, countless animals are poisoned and killed in tests 48 that attempt to evaluate the hazards of consumer products and their

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1 ingredients. Despite the widespread availability of effective alternatives to animal testing, many cosmetics companies still 2 3 conduct testing on animals. By banning animal testing in the 4 United States, and prohibiting the sale of products that have been 5 tested on animals, the enactment of this legislation would help reduce animal cosmetics testing worldwide, and bring the United 6 7 States' cosmetics policy in line with more than 30 countries that 8 have already implemented bans on the sale of animal-tested 9 cosmetics, including the European Union, Israel, Norway, 10 Switzerland, and India.

11 The "Humane Cosmetics Act of 2019" has been endorsed by 250 12 companies in the cosmetics industry, and is supported by both 13 Republican and Democratic cosponsors. By enacting this 14 legislation, the United States can show moral leadership without 15 compromising product safety or business profitability.