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Res. No. 861

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Beauty Justice Act.

By Council Members Louis, Williams, Narcisse, Cabán, Hanif and Banks

Whereas, There are thousands of chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products, many of which have never been fully tested for potential impacts on human health or the environment; and

Whereas, According to the Environmental Working Group, women use an average of 12 and men use an average of six cosmetics and personal care products per day, exposing themselves to up to 168 different chemicals; and

Whereas, The European Union has banned or restricted the use of more than 1,300 chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products while the United States has banned or restricted just 11, according to The Guardian; and

Whereas, Studies have found that many personal care products and cosmetics in the United States, particularly those marketed to Black women, contain potentially toxic ingredients that have been linked to

cancer, infertility, miscarriage, poor infant and maternal health outcomes, obesity, asthma, and many other serious health concerns; and

Whereas, California and Maryland enacted legislation banning 24 of the worst chemicals and contaminants in cosmetics, including formaldehyde, some parabens, and some PFAS, in 2020 and 2021, respectively; and

Whereas, A.2054, introduced by Assembly Member Deborah Glick and pending in the New York State Assembly, and its companion bill S.2057, introduced by State Senator Lea Webb and pending in the New York State Assembly, known as the “Beauty Justice Act,” would create a list of prohibited substances in cosmetic products and prevent the sale of any cosmetic product that contains these substances as an intentionally added ingredient after 2029; and

Whereas, A.2054/S.2057 would ban the use of chemicals that are known to be dangerous such as PFAS, asbestos, formaldehyde, benzophenones, butylated compounds, siloxanes, phenylenediamines, triclosan, and nitrosamine in cosmetics and personal care products; and

Whereas, The Beauty Justice Act would significantly reduce the adverse health impacts of exposure to toxic chemicals for New Yorkers; now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, the Beauty Justice Act.

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