

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Bisphenol A (BPA) is found in many consumer products, such as baby bottles and other reusable containers made from polycarbonate plastic and in the epoxy resin coating used in most food and beverage cans, including canned infant formula; and

**WHEREAS**, upon the request of the Commissioner of the United States Food Drug Administration (FDA), the FDA formed an agency-wide BPA task force to facilitate cross-regulated products and to make recommendations to the Commissioner regarding actions the FDA should take regarding BPA; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of its evaluation, the task force has reviewed the concerns presented in the National Toxicology Program Brief published in September 2008 by the National Institutes of Health and the concerns presented in the Canadian risk assessment released in October 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA has considered the research and positions of other transnational food safety organizations, including the two risk assessments for BPA conducted by the European Food Safety Authority's Scientific Panel on Food Additives, Flavourings, Processing Aids and Materials in Contact with Food and the Japanese National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA has been reviewing the emerging literature on BPA on a continuous basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2008, the FDA released a draft safety assessment of BPA in food contact products, and in October 2008, the FDA Science Board provided recommendations to the FDA to improve the safety assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the FDA is expected to report back to the Science Board on February 24, 2009 with its plan to address the Science Board's recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, new research on BPA continues to raise concerns with consumers regarding the safety of common products containing BPA; and

**WHEREAS**, it is altogether fitting and proper for this municipal legislative body to urge the FDA to expedite its current review of the safety of Bisphenol A in products that contain food and take appropriate action based on such findings; and

**WHEREAS**, if the FDA does not take appropriate action by April 30, 2009, this municipal legislative body will aggressively pursue the pending ordinance sponsored by Alderman Burke and Alderman Flores; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Chicago City Council, urge the United States Food and Drug Agency to expedite its current review of the safety of

Bisphenol A in products that contact food and take appropriate action based on its findings; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Commissioner of the United States Food and Drug Administration, the entire Chicago Congressional Delegation, and two United States Senators from the great State of Illinois, Senator Richard J. Durbin and Senator Roland Burris.

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