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**WHEREAS**, Women for a Healthy Environment educates and empowers women to act as ambassadors about environmental risks so they can make healthy choices for themselves and their families and advocate for change for a better tomorrow for all; and

**WHEREAS**, cosmetics and other personal care products can contain harmful chemicals, such as phthalates, metals and potential neurotoxins that have not been thoroughly investigated or proven safe; and

**WHEREAS**, Women for a Healthy Environment provides educational workshops throughout the year that focus on environmental risk factors associated with food and consumer products, including personal care products and cosmetics; and

**WHEREAS**, Women for a Healthy Environment endorsed the Safe Cosmetics Campaign in 2010 to raise awareness about harmful chemicals in personal care products and protect the health of consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, Women for a Healthy Environment is hosting a public forum on June 7, 2011 entitled "Face It... Healthy Beauty from the Inside Out" that focuses on the safety of personal care products and cosmetics, including a panel discussion with experts as well as an opportunity to purchase safe products from retailers in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Women for a Healthy Environment is collaborating with the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics to offer an educational workshop on June 8, 2011 entitled "Using Our Voices: The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics Advocacy Training Workshop" for girl-serving agencies in southwestern Pennsylvania to participate in a unique information-sharing and skill-building forum; and

**WHEREAS**, the events described above are wonderful opportunities to educate the general public across southwestern Pennsylvania so they can be better informed consumers and advocates for safer and healthier ingredients in our personal care products; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby proclaim the week of June 6, 2011 Safe Cosmetics Week; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council of the City of Pittsburgh celebrates the project's focus on educating the public about safety of personal care products.