

Urging Federal Officials To Label Cloned Foods To Ensure Proper Identification To The Consumer

Legislator Aiello offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the use of cloned meat and milk without labeling the products; Federal officials should be strongly urged to label cloned foods to allow the consumer a choice, and

WHEREAS, there is no way the FDA can call cloned food safe at this time and the current population is the experimental group and warnings won't be posted until morbid deformities and diseases appear in 20 years; the rates of cancer in this country are inexcusable and directly relate to government pandering to industry and special interest groups; chemical emissions, pesticides and food additives are primary reasons one in three people will develop cancer in our lifetime, and

WHEREAS, the USDA in a report from the January 16, 2008 issue of the Washington Post conceded that "we have not been able to keep track of how many offspring of clones have entered the food supply", and

WHEREAS, the majority of cloned animals never make it to adulthood due to birth defects and disease; most sicken and die before they reach their first birthday; with weak immune systems they contract infections requiring antibiotic treatment; as is already the case, the overuse of antibiotics contributes to the rise of antibiotic resistant strains in humans, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials seem to agree, "Despite the fact that cloned animals suffer high mortality rates and those who survive are often plagued with birth defects and diseases, the FDA did not give adequate consideration to the welfare of these animals,"

WHEREAS, a person's health is their most valuable possession and the FDA's role is to protect the American citizens, and

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature joins many nationwide groups in strongly urging Federal Officials to label cloned foods to allow the consumer the "right to choose", and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to President George Bush, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the United States Department of Agriculture,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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