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*Resolution on Cosmetic Use of Pesticides Passed at April 2000 Annual General Meeting of RNAO:*

## **RESOLUTION # 2**

**Submitted by Brant-Haldimand Norfolk Chapter of RNAO**

**WHEREAS**, nurses are concerned about broad determinants of health, including environmental factors, and;

**WHEREAS**, the cosmetic use of pesticides has been linked on a co-relational basis to increased levels of specific cancers, asthma, learning difficulties and birth defects yet yields no societal benefit, and;

**WHEREAS** the precautionary principle would urge us to insist on proof of safety rather than waiting for proof of harm,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the RNAO support local chapter initiatives to lobby for municipal by-laws banning the cosmetic use of pesticides through the development of a resource package, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that RNAO lobby the provincial government for provincial legislation banning the cosmetic use of pesticides.