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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Department of Health to revise regulations for  
2 public facilities in support of nanotechnology and other  
3 nontoxic means that control bacteria, mold, mildew, fungi,  
4 algae, viruses and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) causing  
5 obnoxious odors.

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Health is a Commonwealth-wide  
7 system that oversees the functions of the county health  
8 departments serving 67 counties; and

9 WHEREAS, Allegheny is one of those 67 counties that receives  
10 direction from the Department of Health; and

11 WHEREAS, Bacteria, mold, mildew, fungi, algae, viruses and  
12 volatile organic compounds (VOCs) can cause various health-  
13 related issues; and

14 WHEREAS, Nanotechnology is a diverse application involving  
15 the manipulation of matter on an atomic and molecular scale; and

16 WHEREAS, The regulations for public facilities should be  
17 altered to include testing for bacteria, mold, mildew, fungi,  
18 algae, viruses and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) twice a  
19 year to be documented on a Bionomic Assessment Report listing

1 the outcome of the tests; and

2 WHEREAS, The regulations for public facilities should allow  
3 and encourage the use of nanotechnology and other nontoxic means  
4 that are proven to be effective for killing microbes and are not  
5 harmful to people, places, animals and the environment; and

6 WHEREAS, Services such as nanotechnology that are provided to  
7 public facilities should be delivered by certified technicians  
8 and should carry a seal of certification for compliance in  
9 keeping microbial contamination at safe levels as depicted by  
10 ATP scales, which is an indicator for microbial activity;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Department of Health revise regulations  
13 for public facilities in support of nanotechnology and other  
14 nontoxic means in order to control bacteria, mold, mildew,  
15 fungi, algae, viruses and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)  
16 causing obnoxious odors in order to preserve the health and  
17 safety of all Commonwealth residents.