

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
(NEHA)**

Dental caries and tooth decay are largely preventable disease processes that affect people without regard for age, race, ethnicity or income. Over the last six decades, community water fluoridation has contributed to reduced incidence, prevalence and severity of dental caries and tooth decay in the United States.

WHEREAS, Fluoride is a naturally occurring element and managing optimal fluoride content in community drinking water is an effective and safe public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve oral health; and

WHEREAS, Community water fluoridation is a cost effective public health measure that benefits individuals of all ages and socioeconomic groups; and

WHEREAS, Community water fluoridation has been viewed by various courts as constitutional and a proper means of promoting public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Optimally managed community fluoridated water, whether controlled or occurring naturally, maximizes prevention of dental caries and tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, More than sixty years of use and scientific study in the United States and around the world have illustrated community water fluoridation to be a safe, equitable and effective method of public health care; and

_____ **The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) resolves and**

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