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**ILLINOIS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION NO. 7
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Support for Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies

WHEREAS, nearly 85 years of extensive research and 75 years of the controlled adjustment of fluoride to optimal concentrations in public water supplies have demonstrated that community water fluoridation is an effective, safe and cost-effective method of preventing a significant amount of dental caries in children and adults regardless of age, education or income; and,¹⁻⁵

WHEREAS, the fluoridation of public water supplies to optimal levels, as recommended by the United States Public Health Service⁶ to be the best measure for preventing dental caries;

THERE FORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Public Health Association

1. Strongly endorse the fluoridation of all public water systems as mandated by Illinois law⁷, to optimal concentrations of fluoride for significant prevention of dental caries
2. that IPHA recommends continued implementation of national policy on fluoridation of public water supplies and the provision of federal grants to assist states and communities to initiate and to maintain fluoridation programs, and be it further
3. that the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, state oral health coalition and local health agencies are urged to inform all dentists, dental hygienists, physicians and other key stakeholders of the fluoride levels in public water systems to assure continued support for the Illinois fluoridation program.

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