

**Board of Dentistry** 

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## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT WATER FLUORIDATION

Endorsing the fluoridation of community water supplies as a safe and effective public health strategy to prevent dental caries.

WHEREAS optimal levels of fluoride in community water prevent dental caries; AND WHEREAS children and adults benefit from optimal fluoride in community water;

**AND WHEREAS** the preponderance of the evidence shows that community water fluoridation is a safe and effective public health strategy;

**AND WHEREAS** the Oregon State Legislature's leadership is sought to advance the public health policy of community water fluoridation;

**AND WHEREAS** a coalition of interested parties is needed to demonstrate unity of purpose to support state legislative efforts to advance this public health policy;

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE

**OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY** endorses a legislative effort in the 2007 Regular Session of the Oregon Legislature to advance community water fluoridation as a safe and effective public health strategy to prevent dental caries; and that we join the Healthy Smiles Coalition in order to demonstrate a united purpose in this effort at the 2007 Legislature.

On motion by Ronald Short, D.M.D., seconded by Jill Mason, M.P.H., R.D.H., the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Oregon Board of Dentistry this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

Rodney S. Nichols, D.M.D.: President

## AGREEMENT TO USE OF NAME IN COALITION MATERIALS

I, Patrick D. Braatz, in my capacity as Executive Director of The Oregon Board of Dentistry, consent to the use of the foregoing organization's name on the letterhead of the Healthy Smiles Coalition, a group organized to support a legislative effort at the 2007 Regular Oregon Session, to encourage statewide support to increase the Oregon population served by community water systems with optimally fluoridated water. I represent that I have the authority to provide this consent, or that the appropriate governing body of my organization has provided this consent.

Patrick D. Braatz J

July 7, 2006