

HEALTH COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

RESOLUTION NO. 032-85

RESOLUTION OF THE HEALTH COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE EXISTING PRACTICE OF WATER FLUORIDATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has fluoridated its water supply for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, On July 8, 1985 the Board of Supervisors requested that the Director of Health prepare a written report on the policy of water fluoridation in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Health Commission has received public testimony from numerous individuals who are knowledgeable about the effects of water fluoridation; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has reviewed literature on the effects on fluoride as specified in the request from the Board of Supervisors and concludes that the City should continue to fluoridate its water; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health report titled "Reply to the Board of Supervisors on Questions About Fluoridation" dated July 26, 1985 has been reviewed by the Health Commission; and

WHEREAS, Dental decay is recognized as a chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, Community water fluoridation has reduced dental caries significantly; and

WHEREAS, Water fluoridation benefits the entire community and has special benefits for poor, minority and immigrant children; and

WHEREAS, In communities where fluoridation was stopped, a rapid increase in tooth decay resulted; and

WHEREAS, The safety of community water fluoridation programs has been affirmed by health agencies world-wide; and

WHEREAS, Water fluoridation is the most cost-effective manner of dispensing fluoride; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission unanimously supports the conclusions and recommendations of the Director of Health as stated in the Department's report on water fluoridation; and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to continue the policy of water fluoridation in San Francisco; and it is further

RESOLVED, That the Health Commission urges the Board of Supervisors not to place the initiative on the ballot.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Health Commission
at its meeting of July 26, 1985*


Secretary