

**RESOLUTION OF THE HACKETTSTOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OPPOSING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES MANDATING
FLUORIDATION OF ALL NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLIES**

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2329

WHEREAS, at recent hearings, the Department of Health and Senior Services is considering mandating the fluoridation of all community water supplies within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the benefit of fluoride in reducing tooth decay in children; and

WHEREAS, the addition of fluoride to water supplies would not only affect all children but all other customers without regard to age, personal sensitivity to fluoride, or personal choice of those customers; and

WHEREAS, there are several alternatives for providing an appropriate fluoride dosage for a child; and should be a personal decision by a parent or guardian after consultation with a dentist and physician; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority to provide safe drinking water to its ratepayers, rather than provide mass medication to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Hackettstown Municipal Utilities Authority opposes the mandating of fluoridation of all community water supplies and any decision to add fluoride to a water supply should be made locally after receiving comments from local residents who may be affected by such a measure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, each legislator as well as the Governor, Senate President, and Assembly Speaker.

AYES - Brown, Smith, DiMaio, Shemenski, Maltese.
NOES - None.
ABSTAINED - None.
ABSENT - None.

I do hereby certify this to be a true copy of Resolution #05-2329 as formally adopted at the Regular Meeting of the HMUA held on June 14, 2005.

Bruce D. Smith
Executive Director & Secretary