

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CITY FLUORIDATION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Durango 9-R School District “encourages supportive and safe school environments, guaranteeing equitable educational opportunities for each and every student,” and;

WHEREAS, we believe that the Durango City Council's vote in June 2016 to continue fluoridating the city's water system helps to meet this standard, and;

WHEREAS, “the Federal Panel on Community Water Fluoridation, an interagency group of experts from the Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, Food and Drug Administration, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, EPA, and U.S. Department of Agriculture was convened to reexamine the recommended fluoride level established in 1962 [and] was comprised of physicians, epidemiologists, environmental health experts, dental professionals, toxicologists, statisticians, and economists, and;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned group “did not identify compelling new information to alter its assessment that 0.7 ppm provides the best balance of benefit to potential harm,” and;

WHEREAS, the following medical professional groups support the use of fluoridating water systems to protect the health of everyone in the community young and old alike, and include the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, the Colorado Dental Association; the American Dental Association, the Colorado Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the Colorado Medical Society, the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, San Juan Basin Health Department, San Juan Basin Dental Society, Mercy Regional Medical Center, and the Colorado Department of Health and Environment;

and, whereas these groups as a whole agree that water fluoridation is the “most equitable and cost-effective method of delivering fluoride to all members of the community regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, educational attainment or income level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Durango School District 9-R Board of Education supports a NO vote on the April 2017 ballot item proposed ordinance 1A.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2017.

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R
DURANGO, COLORADO

Andrew J. Burns, Board President

ATTEST:

Stephanie Moran, Board Secretary/Treasurer