WASHINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY COUNTY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the addition of fluoride to public water supplies is a form of mass medication that does not account for individual consent, medical needs, or varying exposure levels among residents; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies and ongoing debates raise questions about the safety and long-term health impacts of fluoridation, including potential risks to neurological development, thyroid function, and skeletal health; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party champions individual liberty, personal responsibility, and limited government intervention in personal health decisions; and

WHEREAS, alternative methods for dental health, such as topical fluoride applications, improved dental care access, and education, are effective without compelling involuntary exposure through public water supplies; and

WHEREAS, municipalities bear the financial burden of purchasing, maintaining, and monitoring fluoridation systems, diverting resources from other critical infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the principle of local control empowers cities to make decisions that best reflect the values and preferences of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party urges all cities and municipalities to cease the practice of adding fluoride to public water supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party encourages local governments to promote voluntary dental health programs, ensuring access to fluoride through individual choice rather than mandatory water treatment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party supports legislation and policies at the state and local levels to prohibit water fluoridation, safeguarding personal freedom and public health.

WE FURTHER RESOLVE, that the WCGOP Chairman send this Resolution to all the Bartlesville City Council members, issue a press release, send to the email list, and for this Resolution to be read into the minutes at the next meeting of the City Council.

Adopted this July 28, 2025 by the Washington County GOP in Oklahoma.