



## RESOLUTION 2025-23

### RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI REGARDING WATER FLUORIDATION; SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION'S VOTE TO CEASE FLUORIDATION PRACTICES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; TRANSMITTING A COPY TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Milian Orbis)

**WHEREAS**, the practice of fluoridating public water supplies has been widely used as a method of preventing dental cavities, with approximately 72% of the U.S. population receiving fluoridated water as of 2022, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, while the CDC has historically endorsed water fluoridation as a major public health achievement, an evolving body of scientific research has raised concerns regarding the potential long-term health risks associated with fluoride exposure at levels commonly found in public water systems; and

**WHEREAS**, recent studies, including those published in *The Lancet Neurology* (2014), *Environmental Health Perspectives* (2019), and *PubMed Central* (2021), have suggested possible links between fluoride exposure and neurodevelopmental effects, thyroid dysfunction, and bone health concerns, warranting further investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2024, Florida State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph A. Ladapo issued guidance recommending against community water fluoridation due to potential neuropsychiatric risks associated with fluoride exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, as Chairman of the Miami-Dade County Safety and Health Committee, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Roberto Gonzalez has formally invited Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo to testify before the committee on the potential health effects of fluoridation in the public water supply, emphasizing that protecting public health must come first; and

**WHEREAS**, The Miami-Dade County Commission has voted to cease the practice of fluoridating the public water supply, in light of growing scientific debate regarding both its efficacy and potential health impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Miami shares Miami-Dade County's commitment to safeguarding public health and ensuring that municipal policies are based on the best available scientific evidence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of West Miami, as follows:

**Section 1: Support for a Review of Water Fluoridation Practices**

The City of West Miami supports the Miami-Dade County Commission's to cease fluoridation of the public water supply provided by Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, considering both the purported benefits and potential risks identified in recent scientific literature.

**Section 2: Transmittal to Miami-Dade County**

The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department.

**Section 3: Effective Date**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2025.

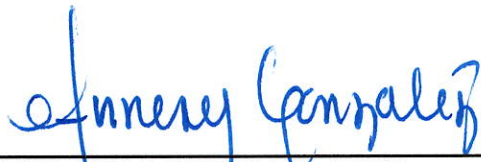
**APPROVED:**



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**ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**



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**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Mayor Diaz-Padron, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanes. The vote was as follows:

<b>MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES</b>	<u>Y</u>
<b>COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ</b>	<u>Y</u>