## Utah Oral Health Coalition



## **Utah Oral Health Coalition statement on Community Water Fluoridation:**

Dental caries (tooth decay) is the most common chronic disease of childhood and dental caries incidence for adults exceeds that of children. Community water fluoridation is safe, beneficial, cost-effective, and socially equitable public health measure for preventing dental caries in children and adults. As such, the Utah Oral Health Coalition supports the optimal fluoridation of water systems throughout the state of Utah.

This statement agrees with policy positions of reputable health and educational institutions including the Utah Dental Association, Utah Dental Hygienists' Association, University of Utah School of Dentistry, Roseman University College of Dental Medicine, American Dental Association, American Dental Hygienists' Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.