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Resolution Discontinuing the Addition of Fluoride to the Water in the Village of West Salem Water Utility

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem Water Utility has historically added fluoride to the municipal water supply as a public health measure; and

WHEREAS, recent studies and ongoing public debates have raised questions regarding the potential health risks associated with water fluoridation, including concerns about overexposure to fluoride and its potential effects on vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, many alternative sources of fluoride, such as toothpaste and mouth rinses, are widely available to residents, allowing individuals to make personal choices regarding fluoride use; and

WHEREAS, public input has demonstrated a significant diversity of opinions on the continuation of water fluoridation, reflecting both support for and opposition to the practice; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of transparency, public health, and individual choice in matters affecting community well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Salem Municipal Water Utility is directed to make the necessary operational and procedural changes to discontinue fluoride addition while maintaining compliance with all other water quality standards and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the West Salem Municipal Water Utility shall ensure clear communication with residents regarding this change, including educational materials about alternative sources of fluoride and dental health practices.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2025.

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Scott Schumacher, Village President

Ashley M. Bohl, Village Clerk/Treasurer