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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Oral Health is pleased to present **Carson City** with the **2016 Certificate of Appreciation-50 Year Award** from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for contributions made on behalf of community water fluoridation.

Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay. This award recognizes those communities that have maintained a community water fluoridation program for the last 50 years.

"Water fluoridation is one of the most effective means we have for preventing and controlling tooth decay throughout a person's life. In fact, our latest studies show that even in an environment where people have access to multiple sources of fluoride, such as fluoride toothpaste and professional dental treatments, fluoridation continues to prevent at least 25 percent of tooth decay in children and adults," states Christine Farrell, RDH, BSDH, MPA, Oral Health Program Director of Michigan. "We congratulate those water systems that have maintained high quality standards for fluoridation for the last 50 years."

Community water fluoridation has been recognized by CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th Century. CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective, and inexpensive method of preventing decay. In fact, every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves at least \$38 in costs for dental treatment.

Please share this with your community, water system personnel and city, township or village council.

If you have any questions or would like assistance in releasing this information to the public via a press release, please contact Sandy Sutton, Community Water Fluoridation Coordinator, MDHHS at suttons2@michigan.gov or call 517 373-0238.

Michigan consistently exceeds the CDC recommendations for community water supplies by having 90% of our population on community water systems accessing fluoridated water. These awards demonstrate the commitment to quality by these community water systems. Water fluoridation benefits all residents of a community and it has demonstrated its effectiveness in preventing tooth decay throughout one's lifetime.

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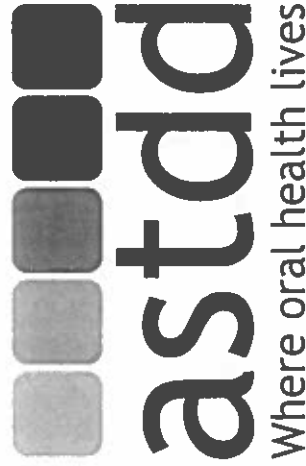
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

50 Year Award, 1966 - 2016

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