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## **Central District Mississippi Public Service Commissioner De'Keither Stamps Introduces Resolution Recommending Review and Removal of Sodium Fluoride Additives in Drinking Water**

*Commissioner Stamps calls for transparency, reduced costs, and updated public health approach*

**JACKSON, Miss. —**Mississippi Public Service Commissioner De'Keither Stamps announced on Tuesday the introduction of a resolution recommending that local water systems across Mississippi review the continued use of synthetic sodium fluoride additives in drinking water and consider removal where appropriate. The Resolution also urges the State of Mississippi to enact legislation prohibiting the addition of synthetic sodium fluoride to public drinking water systems.

The Resolution encourages a statewide reassessment of fluoridation practices, drawing a distinction between naturally occurring calcium fluoride and synthetic sodium fluoride introduced through water treatment processes. Commissioner Stamps emphasized that the intent of the Resolution is to strengthen public transparency, address cost pressures on water systems, and ensure Mississippi's approach reflects modern public expectations and best practices.

**"Mississippians deserve to know what is being added to their drinking water and why,"** said Commissioner De'Keither Stamps. **"This resolution is rooted in transparency, safety, and affordability. We want to help water systems reduce avoidable chemical costs while ensuring families have confidence in the quality of the water coming into their homes."**

The Resolution comes amid ongoing challenges facing water systems throughout Mississippi, including rising operational costs, aging infrastructure demands, and the need for long-term sustainability—particularly in rural and historically underserved communities.

The Resolution also follows recent interest at the State Capitol, including legislation filed by Representative Bryant Clark related to fluoridation policy.

**"Clean water is fundamental, and the public deserves the highest standard of accountability when it comes to what goes into the water supply,"** said Representative Bryant Clark. **"I introduced legislation on this issue because communities across Mississippi are asking important questions about safety, cost, and the role of government in protecting public trust. This resolution reflects the seriousness of that concern."**

Commissioner Stamps noted that the Resolution supports collaboration between public agencies, water operators, and health leadership to ensure any policy changes are handled responsibly and communicated clearly to the public.

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