

**Central Connecticut Health District**  
**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE USAGE OF HEALTHY CLEANING PRODUCTS**  
**AND PRACTICES**

**WHEREAS**, cleaning and sanitizing products are necessary for creating and maintaining clean, healthy and sanitary conditions in both private and municipal facilities and workplaces;

**WHEREAS**, exposure to harmful chemicals contained in cleaning products may result in potential negative impacts to human health;

**WHEREAS**, harmful chemicals, byproducts and waste contained in certain cleaning products may be released into the environment during the routine cleaning both private and municipal facilities and workplaces;

**WHEREAS**, choosing less harmful cleaning products for use in such facilities and workplaces, and taking steps to reduce exposure to office and custodial workers, will minimize potential negative impacts on human health, will improve environmental quality and will reduce pollution;

**WHEREAS**, the procurement and proper use and application of cleaning products that perform well and that have positive environmental attributes, such as biodegradability, low toxicity, low volatile organic compound content, reduced packaging, and low life cycle energy use, will reduce the negative environmental impacts of routine cleaning while also ensuring clean and sanitary facilities and workplaces;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Central Connecticut Health District recognizes this as a public health concern similar to mercury, lead, pesticides, and solvents, and will work to inform the public on the hazards of toxic cleaning products and the use of alternative non-toxic cleaning products.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Central Connecticut Health District recognizes this as a public health concern and, wherever possible and practical in its work environments, will take measures for the use and procurement of cleaning products having properties that minimize potential negative impacts to human health and the environment, consistent with maintaining clean and sanitary facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Central Connecticut Health District will partner with other state and local organizations /agencies that support this resolution to promote a healthier environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Central Connecticut Health District will encourage all member towns to adopt such a policy and implement procedures through their municipal departments to also procure and use, whenever practicable, cleaning products having properties that minimize potential negative impacts to human health and the environment, consistent with maintaining clean and sanitary facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Director of Health, no later than 90 days from the adoption of this Resolution, shall provide the Health District Board with a written report on the implementation of this policy by the Health District.

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