## STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

## SAVE YOUR TOOTH MONTH

PROCLAMATIO

MAY 2024

WHEREAS, maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are essential for optimal oral health, which impacts patients' overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, each year, over 15 million teeth are preserved through endodontic treatments, including root canal procedures, emphasizing the importance of saving natural teeth for improved appearance and maintaining essential functions such as chewing and speech; and

WHEREAS, endodontists, as highly skilled dental specialists, excel in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and infection through life-changing endodontic procedures, such as root canals, trauma dental injuries, vital pulp therapy and apicoectomy, thereby safeguarding patients' natural teeth; and with three additional years of training post dental school, endodontists utilize advanced technology and specialized care to best treat tooth pain and infection; and

WHEREAS, endodontists dedicate their dental practice exclusively to endodontic treatments, performing an average of 25 root canal treatments weekly, and they frequently collaborate with general dentists to ensure comprehensive dental care and employ a specialized approach that leads to better health outcomes and swift recovery for patients; and

WHEREAS, teeth serve as vital components for nutrition, emotional expression and overall health indicators, and neglecting oral hygiene can lead to various health complications; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to receive regular dental visits, brush and floss twice daily, and avoid cavity-causing foods and habits to assist in maintaining gum, teeth and mouth health.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2024, SAVE YOUR TOOTH MONTH in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:

Michael Howe SECRETARY OF STATE