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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are over 400 specialized dentists known as  
3 endodontists in Illinois; and

4 WHEREAS, Endodontists are dental experts who are highly  
5 skilled in diagnosing and treating tooth pain, performing root  
6 canal treatment, and treating dental emergencies even during  
7 the heights of the COVID-19 pandemic, reducing the need for  
8 patients to seek emergency dental care at Emergency Rooms and  
9 Urgent Care facilities; they complete three years of  
10 specialized training beyond dental school with that additional  
11 training focusing on diagnosing tooth pain and performing root  
12 canal treatment and other procedures relating to the interior  
13 of the tooth; in many cases, a diseased tooth can be saved with  
14 endodontic treatment; and

15 WHEREAS, Endodontists have incredible precision and  
16 hand-eye coordination, making them highly skilled in  
17 performing complex treatments; they use the most current and  
18 advanced technology to treat dental patients; no one is better  
19 at saving a patient's natural teeth; and

20 WHEREAS, Endodontists perform many other endodontic  
21 treatments and surgeries and address traumatic dental  
22 injuries; their goal is to save a patient's natural teeth

1 whenever possible; however, an endodontist will look at all  
2 treatment options to determine the best course of action for  
3 each individual case; and

4 WHEREAS, Endodontists limit their practice solely to  
5 endodontic treatments and perform an average of 25 root canal  
6 treatments a week; specialized treatment gives patients the  
7 best outcome and allows them to heal faster; for this reason,  
8 dentists and endodontists often work as partners in care so  
9 that the best member of the dental team is handling each  
10 appropriate issue with a patient's teeth; and

11 WHEREAS, Teeth are a gateway to nutrition, are used to  
12 express emotion, and are a sign of overall good health; poor  
13 oral hygiene can lead to other health problems; regular dental  
14 visits, flossing, brushing thoroughly at least twice a day,  
15 and refraining from foods and habits that can cause cavities  
16 are important steps for maintaining the overall health of  
17 one's gums, teeth, and mouth and can help maintain teeth for a  
18 lifetime; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
21 we declare May of 2022 as Save Your Tooth Month; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That we recognize the endodontists who are  
2           dedicated to saving patients' natural teeth; and be it further

3           RESOLVED, That we encourage residents of Illinois to  
4           practice good oral hygiene to save their natural teeth.