

DENTAL HYGIENISTS APPRECIATION DAY

WHEREAS: Dental hygienists, as licensed oral health care professionals, have promoted oral health and prevented oral disease in Georgia for 62 years; and

WHEREAS: Dental hygienists, as preventive specialists, contribute to the health of Georgia residents and provide an essential service contributing to their overall health; and

WHEREAS: Regular preventive checkups and cleanings, brushing and flossing, eating a well-balanced diet and monitoring gums for signs of gum disease are basic steps to ensuring good oral hygiene and care; and

WHEREAS: Many dental hygienists voluntarily give of their time and talent to provide educational and preventive health care services to special needs groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities and the underprivileged; and

WHEREAS: Dental hygienists are essential in helping dental offices, public health facilities, schools, private organizations and research facilities provide the best oral health care for every citizen; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2003, as DENTAL HYGIENISTS APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia and encourage our citizens to recognize dental hygienists for the vital services they provide in maintaining good oral health.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand three.