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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving  
3 natural teeth are essential steps to ensuring optimal oral  
4 health, which impacts patients' overall health and well-being;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, over 25 million teeth are preserved  
7 through endodontic treatments, including 15 million root canal  
8 procedures, emphasizing the importance of saving natural teeth  
9 for improved appearance and maintaining essential functions  
10 such as chewing and speech; and

11 WHEREAS, Endodontists, as highly skilled dental  
12 specialists, excel in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and  
13 infection through life-changing endodontic procedures,  
14 including root canals, trauma dental injuries, vital pulp  
15 therapy, and apicoectomies, that safeguard their patients'  
16 natural teeth; with three additional years of training  
17 post-dental school, they utilize advanced technology and  
18 specialized care to best treat tooth pain and infection; and

19 WHEREAS, Endodontists dedicate their dental practice  
20 exclusively to endodontic treatments, performing an average of  
21 25 root canal treatments weekly; they frequently collaborate  
22 with general dentists to ensure comprehensive dental care and

1 employ a specialized approach, leading to better health  
2 outcomes and a swifter recovery for patients; and

3 WHEREAS, Teeth serve as vital components for nutrition,  
4 emotional expression, and overall health indicators, and  
5 neglecting oral hygiene can lead to various health  
6 complications; regular dental visits, thorough brushing and  
7 flossing twice daily, and avoiding cavity-causing foods and  
8 habits are essential steps in maintaining gum, teeth, and  
9 mouth health; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare May 2025 as  
12 Save Your Tooth Month in the State of Illinois, and we  
13 acknowledge endodontists as leaders dedicated to saving  
14 patients' natural teeth; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we encourage the citizens of Illinois to  
16 practice good oral hygiene to save their natural teeth.