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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, There are over 300 dentists known as endodontists
3 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; they have
7 continued working even during the height of the COVID-19
8 pandemic, reducing the need for patients to seek emergency
9 dental care at Emergency Rooms and Urgent Care facilities;
10 they have completed three years of specialized training beyond
11 dental school, with additional training focused on diagnosing
12 tooth pain and performing root canal treatment and other
13 procedures relating to the interior of the tooth; in many
14 cases, a diseased tooth can be saved with endodontic
15 treatment; and

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

21 WHEREAS, Endodontists perform many other endodontic
22 treatments and surgeries, address traumatic dental injuries,

1 and place dental implants; while their goal is to save a
2 patient's natural teeth whenever possible, they will look at
3 all treatment options to determine the best course of action
4 for each individual case; and

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

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

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
21 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we declare May 2021 as Save Your Tooth Month, recognize the
23 endodontists who are dedicated to saving patients' natural

1 teeth, and encourage citizens of Illinois to practice good
2 oral hygiene to save their natural teeth.