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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois dentist community has over 300
3 endodontists; due to their unique skills, endodontists are
4 considered dental experts; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to diagnosing and treating tooth
6 pain, endodontists perform root canals and handle dental
7 emergencies with precision; despite the COVID-19 pandemic,
8 they continued to work, thereby helping patients avoid
9 emergency rooms and urgent care centers for dental care; to
10 become endodontists, they have completed three years of
11 specialized training beyond dental school; and

12 WHEREAS, In some cases, endodontists can save a decayed
13 tooth by performing root canal treatment, diagnosing tooth
14 pain, and performing other dental procedures; and

15 WHEREAS, Endodontists have exceptional hand-eye
16 coordination and can perform complex dental treatments with
17 incredible precision; they employ the most advanced technology
18 to save patients' teeth and relieve their pain; no one can save
19 a patient's natural teeth like endodontists; and

20 WHEREAS, Endodontists aim to preserve the natural teeth of
21 their patients whenever possible; however, they will consider

1 all treatment options to determine what is best for the
2 patient's particular case; and

3 WHEREAS, An endodontist performs 25 root canal treatments
4 per week on average; specialized treatment results in a faster
5 healing rate and the best outcome for patients; therefore,
6 dentists and endodontists often collaborate in order to ensure
7 that each patient's issue with their teeth is handled by the
8 best member of the dental team; and

9 WHEREAS, Among the most important aspects of a person's
10 health are their teeth, which provide access to nutrition,
11 provide a sign of good health, and are used to express
12 emotions; poor oral hygiene can lead to other health issues;
13 it is important to keep one's gums, teeth, and mouth in good
14 health by visiting the dentist regularly, flossing, brushing
15 thoroughly twice a day, and avoiding foods and habits that can
16 lead to cavities; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we declare May 2023 as Save Your Tooth Month, recognize the
20 endodontists who are dedicated to saving patients' natural
21 teeth, and encourage citizens of Illinois to practice good
22 oral hygiene to save their natural teeth.