

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are essential for optimal oral health, which impacts patients' overall health and wellbeing; and

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

WHEREAS, endodontists, as highly skilled dental specialists, excel in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and infection through life-changing endodontic procedures, such as root canals, trauma dental injuries, vital pulp therapy and apicoectomy, thereby safeguarding patients' natural teeth; and

WHEREAS, with three additional years of training post dental school, endodontists utilize advanced technology and specialized care to best treat tooth pain and infection; and

WHEREAS, endodontists dedicate their dental practice exclusively to endodontic treatments, performing an average of 25 root canal treatments weekly. They frequently collaborate with general dentists to ensure comprehensive dental care and employ a specialized approach that leads to better health outcomes and swift recovery for patients; and

WHEREAS, teeth serve as vital components for nutrition, emotional expression and overall health indicators. Neglecting oral hygiene can lead to various health complications. Regular dental visits, thorough brushing and flossing twice daily, and avoiding cavity-causing foods and habits are essential steps in maintaining gum, teeth and mouth health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as

Save Your Tooth Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 23rd day of April 2025.

Kay Ivey, Governor