



## *Proclamation*

### *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, approximately one hundred twenty million Americans are missing one or more teeth; and*

*WHEREAS, adults that are missing teeth or have failing teeth suffer from poor self-esteem, social embarrassment, premature aging, poor diet and loss of ability to eat, speak, laugh and talk appropriately; and*

*WHEREAS, Prosthodontics is a branch of dentistry that utilizes dental implants, digital dentistry, fixed partial bridges, fixed complete dentures, removable partial dentures and removable complete dentures to replace missing teeth; and*

*WHEREAS, Prosthodontists are recognized by the American Dental Association as dental specialists with three years advanced training, beyond dental school, in diagnosing, treatment planning, restoring and replacing the natural teeth to maintain or improve the function, comfort, appearance and health of patients; and*

*WHEREAS, Prosthodontists are experts in performing prosthodontics; and*

*WHEREAS, Prosthodontists maintain a strong commitment to the dental healthcare needs of older patients, individuals with congenital anomalies and those who have been affected by oral cancer;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, as*

## *Prosthodontics Awareness Week*

*in the State of Alabama to raise public awareness of the critical importance of oral health, and to recognize the importance of the services that Prosthodontists provide in replacing missing teeth and oral-facial structures.*



*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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
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*Kay Ivey, Governor*