

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing May 2026 as Save Your Tooth Month in Kentucky.

2 WHEREAS, maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are  
3 essential for optimal oral health, which impacts patients' overall health and well-being;  
4 and

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

9 WHEREAS, endodontists, as highly skilled dental specialists with two to three  
10 additional years of training post dental school, utilize advanced technology and  
11 specialized care to best treat tooth pain and infection; and

12 WHEREAS, endodontists excel in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and infection  
13 through life-changing endodontic procedures, such as root canals, repairing traumatic  
14 dental injuries, vital pulp therapy, and apicoectomy, thereby safeguarding patients'  
15 natural teeth; and

16 WHEREAS, endodontists dedicate their dental practice exclusively to endodontic  
17 treatments, performing an average of 25 root canal treatments weekly; and

18 WHEREAS, endodontists frequently collaborate with general dentists to ensure  
19 comprehensive dental care and employ a specialized approach that leads to better health  
20 outcomes and swift recovery for patients; and

21 WHEREAS, teeth serve as vital components for nutrition, emotional expression,  
22 and overall health indicators, and neglecting oral hygiene can lead to various health  
23 complications; and

24 WHEREAS, regular dental visits, thorough brushing and flossing twice daily, and  
25 avoiding cavity-causing foods and habits are essential steps in maintaining gum, teeth,  
26 and mouth health;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*  
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3       ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby designates May 2026 as Save  
4 Your Tooth Month, acknowledges endodontists as leaders dedicated to saving patients'  
5 natural teeth, and encourages the citizens of Kentucky to practice good oral hygiene to  
6 save their natural teeth.

7       ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative Lindsey Burke for delivery.