



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION DENTAL HYGIENISTS DAY

- WHEREAS: Dental hygienists, as licensed oral healthcare professionals, actively promote oral healthcare and prevention of oral disease. Georgia currently has 6,835 registered dental hygienists; and
- WHEREAS: As preventative specialists, dental hygienists contribute to the oral health of Georgia residents and provide an essential service contributing to their total health; and
- WHEREAS: Dental hygienists give their time and effort in order to provide oral healthcare to individuals of need, such as children, senior citizens, individuals with low income, and individuals with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS: These services are essential in dental offices, public health facilities, schools, private organizations and research facilities in providing the best possible oral healthcare for all citizens; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2013, as DENTAL HYGIENISTS DAY in Georgia and urge all citizens to recognize dental hygienists for the many valued services they provide and become more familiar with the practice of dental hygiene.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF