



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DENTAL HYGIENISTS DAY

WHEREAS: Dental hygienists, as licensed oral healthcare professionals, actively promote oral health care and prevention of oral disease. There are currently more than 7,000 registered dental hygienists in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: As preventative specialists, dental hygienists contribute to the oral health of patients and provide an essential service to benefit overall well-being; and

WHEREAS: Dental hygienists give their time and effort to provide oral health care to individuals of need, such as children, senior citizens, low income individuals, and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: These services are essential in dental offices, public health facilities, schools, private organizations and research facilities for providing the best possible oral health care for all citizens; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2017, as DENTAL HYGIENISTS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF