



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### DENTAL HYGIENISTS APPRECIATION DAY

**WHEREAS:** Dental hygienists, as licensed oral health care professionals, have been promoting oral health and preventing oral disease in Georgia for more than 75 years; and

**WHEREAS:** Dental hygienists, as preventive specialists, contribute to the oral and total health of Georgia residents as well as provide essential services and education to prevent disease; and

**WHEREAS:** Regular preventive checkups and cleanings, brushing and flossing, eating a well-balanced diet, and monitoring gums for signs of gum disease are basic steps to ensuring good oral hygiene and care; and

**WHEREAS:** Many dental hygienists voluntarily give of their time and talent to provide educational and preventive oral health care services to special needs groups such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and the underprivileged; and

**WHEREAS:** Dental hygienists are essential in dental offices, public health facilities, schools, private organizations, and research facilities to provide the best oral health care for all citizens; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2026, as GEORGIA DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



A handwritten signature of Brian P. Kemp.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

A handwritten signature of Lauren M. Curry.

CHIEF OF STAFF