



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL PROSTHODONTICS AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American College of Prosthodontists, more than 36 million Americans do not have any teeth and 120 million are missing at least one tooth; and

WHEREAS, adults who are missing teeth or have failing teeth can suffer from poor self-esteem, social embarrassment, premature aging, poor diet, and diminished ability to eat, speak, laugh, and talk without difficulty; 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 of 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 maintain a strong commitment to meeting dental health care needs, especially for older patients, individuals with congenital anomalies, and those who have been affected by oral cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 7 – 13, 2019, as “**NATIONAL PROSTHODONTICS AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.