

Assembly Resolution No. 1302

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RECOGNIZING May 2026, as Save Your Tooth Month

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in recognizing days and months of awareness for important community and health issues; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize May 2026, as Save Your Tooth Month in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are essential for optimal oral health, which impacts overall health and well-being; and

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

WHEREAS, Endodontists, as highly skilled dental specialists, excel in diagnosing and treating tooth pain and infection through life-changing endodontic procedures, such as root canals, trauma dental injuries, vital pulp therapy, and apicoectomy, thereby safeguarding patients' natural teeth; and

WHEREAS, With two to three additional years of training after dental school, endodontists utilize advanced technology and specialized care to best treat tooth pain and infection; and

WHEREAS, Endodontists dedicate their dental practice exclusively to endodontic treatments, performing an average of 25 root canal treatments weekly; they frequently collaborate with general dentists to ensure comprehensive dental care and employ a specialized approach that leads to better health outcomes and swift recovery for patients; and

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

WHEREAS, Regular dental visits, thorough brushing and flossing twice daily, and avoiding cavity-causing foods and habits are essential steps in maintaining gum, teeth, and mouth health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize May 2026, as Save Your Tooth Month, acknowledging the importance of good oral hygiene and the hard work of endodontists throughout the State of New York.