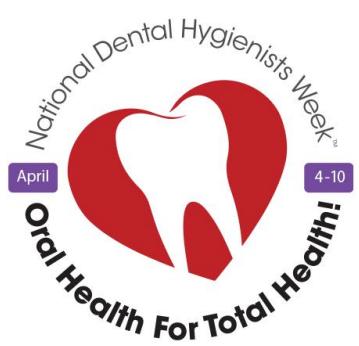


Take this document to your Mayor, Provincial or Federal representative and ask them to announce Oral Health Month and/or National Dental Hygienists Week™ in Chambers or the House.



Official National Dental Hygienists Week™ Proclamation

WHEREAS 59% of Canadian children and 96% of adults have experienced cavities, and 21% of Canadian adults have experienced periodontal (gum) issues.

And WHEREAS research shows a direct link between oral health and overall health and well-being, such as periodontal disease being linked to several serious illnesses, including lung disease, diabetes, and heart disease.

AND WHEREAS oral health issues are easily preventable and treatable, and Canadians, especially children and seniors, can be greatly assisted through early detection and intervention;

AND WHEREAS dental hygiene is the 7th largest regulated health profession in Canada, with more than 35,000 dental hygienists working in a variety of settings, with people of all ages, addressing issues related to oral health.

AND WHEREAS greater awareness of proper oral health practices and the need to regularly visit a dental professional is paramount to ensuring Canadians lead healthier and happier lives.

AND WHEREAS promoting the importance of the issues and celebrating the successes of the profession and contributions of dental hygienists will lead to increased public awareness

NOW THEREFORE, I _____,

(title) _____ of _____, _____, do hereby proclaim the
(name)
(city/riding)

week of April 4–10 as:

National Dental Hygienists Week™

Dated at _____ this _____ day of _____, _____,
(city) (day) (month) (year)