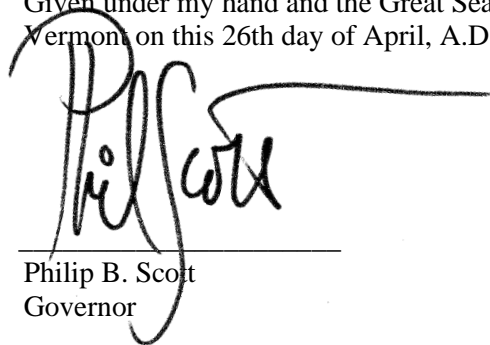


State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are essential for optimal oral health, impacts patients’ overall health and well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, over 15 million teeth are preserved through endodontic treatments, including 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 with three additional years of training, post 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 and 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 and neglecting oral hygiene can lead to various health complications while 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,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2024 as

SAVE YOUR TOOTH MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of April, A.D. 2024.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs