

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN AND CHANEY

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 21, 2019, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol and commends the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 21, 2019, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol and to
3 commend the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

WHEREAS, 2019 marks the celebration of one hundred six years of the dental hygiene profession, which began with the opening of the first dental hygiene school by Dr. Alfred C. Fones in Bridgeport, Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a preventative oral health professional who is
8 licensed in dental hygiene and who provides educational, clinical, and therapeutic services
9 supporting total health care through the promotion of optimal oral health; and

10 WHEREAS, the education of a dental hygienist emphasizes all of the basic sciences,
11 and eligibility for licensure is based upon successful completion of both a written national
12 board dental hygiene examination and a clinical state board examination; and

WHEREAS, dental hygienists are committed to maintaining the highest levels of quality and to keeping abreast of the most advanced technology in their field; they attend continuing education courses in oral health care to maintain their licenses and to ensure that they provide state-of-the-art oral health care to their patients; and

17 WHEREAS, a dental hygienist is a vital member of a complete dental team and is
18 responsible for providing treatment that helps to prevent oral disease and for educating the
19 patient on how to maintain optimal oral health; and

1 WHEREAS, for more than one hundred years, registered dental hygienists have
2 provided quality preventative oral health care to millions of American adults and children;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, dental hygienists have also established a record of excellence in
5 providing quality care for patients with special needs; and

6 WHEREAS, there are approximately one thousand six hundred licensed dental
7 hygienists serving the oral health care needs of the people of the state of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as Dental Hygiene Month, focusing
9 on the preventative benefits of good oral hygiene; and

10 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association, along with other dental
11 professions, celebrated Children's Dental Health Month in February, which focused on the
12 needs of dental care for the children of the state of Louisiana; and

13 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize dental hygienists and to encourage citizens
14 to become familiar with and appreciative of the benefits of good dental hygiene.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 designate Tuesday, May 21, 2019, as Dental Hygiene Day at the state capitol and commends
17 the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association and dental hygienists around Louisiana for
18 their tireless efforts in promoting good dental health for the citizens of the state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 president of the Louisiana Dental Hygienists' Association.

DIGEST

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