State of North Carolina

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

PROSTHODONTICS AWARENESS WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, prosthodontics (an American Dental Association recognized specialty) which encompasses diagnosis, treatment planning, and restoring and replacing natural teeth, is utilized to rehabilitate and maintain the function, comfort, appearance and health of the patient ; and

WHEREAS, tooth loss can be caused by decay, gum disease, traumatic injury, cancer or wear, and can lead to shifting of teeth, loss of jaw bone structure and facial changes; and

WHEREAS, many adults who do not replace their missing teeth suffer poor self-esteem, premature aging, poor diet, loss of function and social embarrassment; and

WHEREAS, dental implants, fixed bridges, removable partial dentures and removable complete dentures can change a smile and a life; and

WHEREAS, prosthodontics is critical to oral and overall health; and

WHEREAS, during National Prosthodontics Awareness Week, the North Carolina Section of the American College of Prosthodontists, the UNC School of Dentistry, Missions of Mercy, and prosthodontists across our state and nation will provide pro bono clinics during the week of March 7-13, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 7-13, 2010, as "**PROSTHODONTICS AWARENESS WEEK,**" in North Carolina in recognition of the importance of prosthodontic health.

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

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 second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.