

House Resolution 1270

By: Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Hawkins of the 27th, Franklin of the 160th, Stephens of the 164th, Rice of the 139th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing May 2026 as Save Your Tooth Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, maintaining proper oral hygiene and preserving natural teeth are essential for
3 optimal oral health, which impacts patients' overall health and well-being; and
- 4 WHEREAS, each year, over 25 million teeth are preserved through endodontic treatments,
5 including 15 million root canal procedures, emphasizing the importance of saving natural
6 teeth for improved appearance and maintaining essential functions such as chewing and
7 speech; and
- 8 WHEREAS, throughout May, the American Association of Endodontists will launch a public
9 awareness campaign emphasizing the necessity of maintaining natural teeth; and
- 10 WHEREAS, endodontists, as highly skilled dental specialists, excel in diagnosing and
11 treating tooth pain and infection through life-changing endodontic procedures, such as root
12 canals, trauma dental injuries, vital pulp therapy, and apicoectomy, thereby safeguarding
13 patients' natural teeth; and

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

16 WHEREAS, endodontists dedicate their dental practice exclusively to endodontic treatments,
17 performing an average of 25 root canal treatments weekly; and

18 WHEREAS, endodontists frequently collaborate with general dentists to ensure
19 comprehensive dental care and employ a specialized approach that leads to better health
20 outcomes and swift recovery for patients; and

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

23 WHEREAS, regular dental visits, thorough brushing and flossing twice daily, and avoiding
24 cavity-causing foods and habits are essential steps in maintaining gum, teeth, and mouth
25 health.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body recognize May 2026 as Save Your Tooth Month and commend the
28 work of endodontists in the State of Georgia.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 American Association of Endodontists, the public, and the press.