

PROCLAMATION

Children's Dental Health Month
February 2013

WHEREAS: Dental decay is the most common chronic disease found in children, and

WHEREAS: Good oral health habits start in childhood, and

WHEREAS: Brushing twice daily using toothpaste with fluoride, flossing daily, having routine check ups, and eating a diet low in sugary foods and drinks help prevent tooth decay, and

WHEREAS: An oral health literate and educated public is more empowered to embrace healthy oral hygiene and dietary behaviors and to make and keep dental appointments, and

WHEREAS: The State of Maryland is pleased to join with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Oral Health (<http://fha.dhmh.maryland.gov/oralhealth/>), the University of Maryland Dental School's National Museum of Dentistry (www.dentalmuseum.org), the American Dental Association's National Children's Dental Health Month campaign (<http://www.ada.org/5578.aspx>) and the Maryland Dental Action Coalition's Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids campaign (<http://healthyteethhealthykids.org/>) in promoting good oral health through interactive and educational websites.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (OFFICIAL'S NAME) (OFFICIAL'S TITLE), do hereby proclaim February 2013 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH in (YOUR CITY/TOWN/COUNTY), and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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